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# The Jewish Holidays

## *Shabbat (Sabbath)*

Celebrated Fridays at sundown to commemorate God's day of rest after six days of creation. Traditions include lighting candles, drinking wine and eating challah (a braided bread). Havdalah, the farewell ceremony to Shabbat, takes place after three stars shine in the Saturday night sky and is celebrated by lighting a braided candle, drinking wine and smelling sweet spices.

## *Rosh Hashanah (Jewish New Year)*

Festive celebration during which individuals contemplate their past, present and future actions. Traditional foods include round challah and apples with honey, symbolizing anticipated wholeness and sweetness for the new year. Commences the Ten Days of Awe, which culminate on Yom Kippur.

## *Yom Kippur (Day of Atonement)*

Holiest day of the Jewish year. Through fasting and prayer, Jews reflect upon their relationships with God and other people and atone for their wrongdoings. Ends with a shofar's blast at sundown.

## *Sukkot (Festival of Booths)*

Commemorates the fulfillment of God's promise to bring the Israelites to the Promised Land after 40 years of wandering. Many build a sukkah (plural: sukkot), a temporary structure with a roof made of branches, modeled after the huts constructed in the desert. Also celebrated with the shaking of the lulav (assemblage of palm, willow and myrtle branches) and etrog (a lemon-like fruit).

## *Shemini Atzeret (Eighth Day of Assembly)*

Celebrated the day after Sukkot and thus sometimes considered an extension of the holiday. Marks the first time tefillat geshem (prayer for rain) is recited during services, a practice that continues until Pesach.

## *Simchat Torah (Rejoicing in Torah)*

Celebrates the completion of the annual Torah reading cycle. After finishing the last sentence of the book Devarim (Deuteronomy), adults and children joyously parade the Torah around the synagogue seven times. The new cycle begins immediately with a reading from Bereshit (Genesis).

## *Chanukah (Festival of Lights)*

Eight-day holiday commemorating Jewish victory over the Syrians and the miracle of the rededication of the Temple, when oil meant to last for one day burned for eight. Celebrated by

lighting candles in a chanukiyah (a nine-branched candelabrum), eating latkes (potato pancakes), playing with dreidels (spinning tops) and giving gelt (money or gifts).

## *Tu B'Shevat (New Year of Trees)*

Biblical in origin, a holiday with environmentalist and Zionistic themes that celebrates springtime renewal and growth. Traditions include eating fruit and planting trees.

## *Purim (Feast of Lots)*

Commemorates the rescue of the Jews by Queen Esther and her righteous Uncle Mordecai from the evil Haman. When Haman is mentioned in the Megillah (scroll) of Esther, people shout and turn graggers (noisemakers) to drown out his name. Traditions include parties, mishloach manot (gift-giving) and eating hamentashen (three-cornered fruit-filled pastries). Some also fast on the day before Purim to remember the three-day fast by the Jews of Persia at Esther's request.

## *Pesach (Passover)*

Celebrates the liberation of Israel from slavery in Egypt. At the seder (traditional service and meal), the Haggadah (collection of texts and commentaries on the Exodus) is read and symbolic foods are eaten. Jews refrain from eating leavened products and eat matzah (unleavened bread) for eight days to remember how the hurried Israelites could not let their bread rise before fleeing.

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# 2016/2017 SPEAKER SERIES

# JEWISH POLITICS IN 2016

## a community conversation

**The EMU Center for Jewish Studies Speaker Series brings respected thought leaders, historians, and artists to EMU's campus to conduct public lectures, lead conversations, and engage with the university and greater Southeast Michigan communities.**

**MONDAY SEPTEMBER 26 - 7:30PM - STUDENT CENTER AUDITORIUM**

**Dr. Nathaniel S. Borenstein - "False Prophets and Dubious Profits: Ethical and Political Challenges in the Technology Industry"** People are drawn into the technology industry for several reasons, most notably the sheer coolness of the work and the potential for untold riches. Most are disappointed on both counts. Profits and prophets are rare, but fortunately there are better reasons to follow the high-tech path. Nathaniel S. Borenstein, Chief Scientist for Mimecast and co-creator of the MIME standard, for which he is sometimes called "the father of the email attachment," has been an Internet researcher, activist, author, standards maker, and entrepreneur since 1980.

**TUESDAY OCTOBER 25 - 7:30PM - MCKENNY HALL BALLROOM**

**Dr. Diane Afoumado - "The St. Louis and the Refugee Crisis"** In 1939, more than 900 German and Austrian Jews boarded the S.S. St. Louis hoping to escape Nazi persecution. Most of them had legal documents to disembark in Havana, which they hoped would be a place of refuge before they emigrated to the U.S. But complicated international politics forced them back to Europe. Dr. Diane Afoumado, Chief of the Research and Reference Branch at the Holocaust Survivors and Victims Resource Center at the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum in Washington D.C., presents the St. Louis story using archives and artifacts from the collections of the USHMM, placing that tale into the larger context of the refugee crisis of the late 1930s.

**MONDAY DECEMBER 5 - 7:30PM - STUDENT CENTER BALLROOM A**

**Lynne Avadenka - "Pressing Matters: A Look at the Influence of the Arts on Detroit"** Lynne Avadenka is the Director of Signal-Return, a community letterpress print shop in Detroit's historic Eastern Market neighborhood. Founded in 2011, Signal-Return is leading the Detroit revival of letterpress printing—a technology that radically transformed human communication in the 15th century, and an art and a craft appreciated anew in the 21st century. Avadenka will speak about Signal-Return and its contribution to the burgeoning arts scene in Detroit, as well as her own artwork as a long time member of Detroit's artist community.

**WEDNESDAY JANUARY 25 - 7:30PM - STUDENT CENTER BALLROOM A**

**Jim Gerstein - "The 2016 Election and the Jewish Vote"** Jim Gerstein, America's leading expert on Jewish voting patterns, is a founding partner of GBA Strategies, and provides research-based strategic counsel for candidates running for office, non-profit organizations, arts and cultural institutions, and Fortune 500 companies. He has served as Executive Director of the progressive research and strategy organization, Democracy Corps; Executive Director of the Center for Middle East Peace and Economic Cooperation; and established Israel's Institute for Peace and Security, which provides financial, organizational, and strategic support for Arab-Israeli projects.

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# The Jewish Holidays

## *Sefirat HaOmer*
### *(Counting of the Omer)*

Seven-week period that begins the second night of Pesach and ends at Shavuot. Thirty-two mourning days that commemorate the deaths of Rabbi Akiva's students (see also Lag B'Omer). Traditionally, weddings, festivities and haircuts are prohibited during this time.

## *Yom HaShoah*
### *(Holocaust Remembrance Day)*

Day chosen by the Israeli Knesset, in 1951, to mourn the millions killed in the Holocaust. Often commemorated with the reading of names and speeches by survivors. In Israel, a siren's morning blast allows collective remembrance in a moment of silence.

## *Yom HaZikaron*
### *(Martyr and Heroes' Memorial Day)*

Day of remembrance for all who sacrificed themselves for the state of Israel. Public observances include lighting of yarzheit (memorial) candles, visiting graves and reciting psalms. In Israel, sirens blast once in the morning and again in the evening to begin Yom HaAtzmaut, Israel Independence Day.

## *Yom HaAtzmaut*
### *(Israel Independence Day)*

On May 14, 1948 (Hebrew date: 5 Iyar), Israel was declared an independent state. Many Jews celebrate with parades, festivals and donations to Jewish charities.

## *Lag B'Omer*
### *(Thirty-Third Day of the Counting of the Omer)*

One-day suspension of the traditional mourning period during Sefirat HaOmer. On this day, a plague afflicting Rabbi Akiva's students ceased. Also commemorates Bar Kochba's recapture of Jerusalem from the Romans. Celebrated with picnics and nature outings.

## *Shavuot*
### *(Festival of Weeks)*

Celebrated the day after Sefirat HaOmer ends to commemorate the giving of the Torah at Sinai and the spring harvest. Traditionally, Jews read the Ten Commandments and the Book of Ruth and eat dairy products. Religious school confirmation often takes place at this time.

## *Fast of Tammuz*
### *(The Seventeenth of Tammuz)*

Fast from dawn until nightfall commemorating the day Moses broke the first Tablets of the Covenant because the Israelites made the Golden Calf. Also marks the beginning of the siege on Jerusalem before its destruction. Begins the "Three Weeks," a mourning period ending at Tisha B'Av.

## *Tisha B'Av*
### *(The Ninth of Av)*

Day of fasting and mourning commemorating the destruction of the First and Second Temples, both of which took place on the 9th of Av. The Book of Lamentations is read and many conduct services sitting on the floor. ■

### JEWISH HOLIDAYS, 5777

All holidays begin at sunset the preceding evening

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| Rosh Hashanah | October 3–4 |
| Yom Kippur | October 12 |
| Sukkot | October 17–23 |
| Shemini Atzeret | October 24 |
| Simchat Torah | October 25 |
| Chanukah | December 25–January 1 |
| Tu B'Shevat | January 25 |
| Purim | March 12 |
| Passover | April 11–18 |
| Yom HaShoah | April 24 |
| Yom HaZikaron | May 1 |
| Yom HaAtzmaut | May 2 |
| Lag B'Omer | May 26 |
| Yom Yerushalayim | May 24 |
| Shavuot | May 31–June 1 |
| Tisha B'Av | August 1 |

## *Washtenaw Jewish News* aims and principles

- To provide the Jewish community of Washtenaw County with a quality newspaper that will present news of Jewish interest with a priority on local news.
- To offer commentary, interpretation and authentic background on events of the day, as a means of stimulating the concern and response vital to the fulfillment of our responsibilities as members of the Jewish community.
- To enrich the life of both individuals and the community through the presentation of features, articles, reviews and other material of Jewish content and interest.
- To provide a forum for comment by members of the community wishing to express their viewpoints on matters of Jewish interest.

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# community organizations

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At the center of a wonderfully diverse and welcoming Jewish community, the Jewish Federation of Greater Ann Arbor celebrates and strengthens Jewish life at home, in Israel and around the world.

Federation sponsors a wide variety of social, educational, cultural and scholarship programs throughout the year; including lectures, trips to Israel and community celebrations. Federation's fall "Main Event" brings together hundreds of community members to share an evening of community education and fellowship, and is a highlight of its annual campaign in support of Ann Arbor's vibrant Jewish communal life.

The 2016 Annual Campaign raised over $1.3 million to support local Jewish agencies, projects in Israel and around the world that reflect the unique progressive character of Ann Arbor. The Federation is an active participant in the Michigan/Central Galilee Partnership 2Gether.

## Jewish Federation of Greater Ann Arbor 2016 Allocations

### Local Allocations

| | |
|---|---|
| Ann Arbor Eruv | $500 |
| Chabad of Ann Arbor | $7,400 |
| Federation Emergency Cash Assistance Fund | $7,000 |
| Hebrew Day School of Ann Arbor | $104,500 |
| Hillel at Eastern Michigan University | $9,000 |
| Hillel at University of Michigan | $5,500 |
| Israel Scholarships | $6,000 |
| Jewish Community Center | $173,000 |
| Jewish Community Foundation | $54,555 |
| Jewish Community Impact Fund | $32,500 |
| Jewish Educators Council | $6,750 |
| Jewish Family Services | $113,000 |
| Jewish Federation—Operations | $471,505 |
| Jewish Summer Camp Scholarships | $6,000 |
| Keshet Ann Arbor | $12,000 |
| Michigan-Israel Business Bridge | $6,500 |
| Reserve for Uncollectable Pledges | $30,000 |
| **Total Local Allocations** | **$1,045,710** |

### National Allocations

| | |
|---|---|
| Israel Action Network | $500 |
| Jewish Council on Public Affairs | $1,500 |
| Jewish Federations of North America | $52,500 |

### Overseas Allocations

| | |
|---|---|
| Birthright Israel | $5,000 |
| Central Galilee Hike and Bike Trail | $1,000 |
| Hand in Hand Schools | $5,000 |
| JDC Relief in the FSU | $30,000 |
| JFNA Collective (JAFI, JDC, ORT | $151,500 |
| Leket-Israel | $3,500 |
| Partnership2Gether—General | $11,000 |
| Partnership2Gether—Nahalal/Ann Arbor | $26,140 |
| Partnership2Gether—Israel Partners | $13,500 |
| Religious Pluralism | $5,000 |
| **Total Non-Local Allocations** | **$306,140** |

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Since 2007, Ann Arbor has had a special relationship with Moshav Nahalal, involving numerous programs and visits aimed at strengthening the Jewish identity and connectedness of both communities.

The strength of the Federation comes from its many volunteers and active participants in the annual campaign, community programs, affinity groups and committees. Federation groups such as the Jewish Young Professionals, Maimonides Society, Cardozo Society, Jewish Women Doing Stuff, Salon, Family Salon and Women's Philanthropy aim to reach all Ann Arbor area residents no matter their life stage or interest area. The Federation welcomes inquiries from new and existing community members who are interested in exploring ways to be involved or simply to learn more about Jewish life in Washtenaw County.

## JEWISH COMMUNITY FOUNDATION OF GREATER ANN ARBOR

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The Jewish Community Foundation is operated by the Jewish Federation of Greater Ann Arbor and exists to ensure that the high quality of Jewish life will continue in Washtenaw County for future generations. The Foundation serves as custodian for many of the endowment funds of area Jewish agencies and congregations assisting them to fulfill their future needs and dreams. Beth Israel Congregation, Chabad House, Hebrew Day School, the Jewish Community Center of Greater Ann Arbor, Jewish Family Services and Temple Beth Emeth all partner with the Jewish Community Foundation to secure the financial future of the Jewish community.

The Foundation's board of directors is empowered to receive gifts and bequests of cash, stocks and property from individuals, corporations and other entities. The Foundation can help donors fulfill their philanthropic goals while addressing their estate planning and tax needs, through the creation of donor-advised funds, permanent restricted and unrestricted endowment funds, charitable trusts and gift annuities. The Jewish Community Foundation enables donors to assure that the institutions and programs in the community that they value will be available in perpetuity while leaving their own personal legacy in the community.

Contact the director of the Foundation or the executive directors of any of the partner organizations to consult confidentially about planned giving opportunities.

## JEWISH FAMILY SERVICES OF WASHTENAW COUNTY

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As an agency in Washtenaw County that serves a diverse, international population, the mission of Jewish Family Services (JFS) is to create solutions, promote dignity and inspire humanity. JFS provides programs and services that support the entire community in congruence with the Jewish value of tikkun olam, or repairing the world. JFS' Case Management/Services Coordination, Outpatient Mental Health Treatment (Counseling) and Employment Services programs are accredited by CARF International.

### OLDER ADULT SERVICES

Geriatric social workers provide case management, assessment, counseling, home visits, crisis intervention, information, and referrals for older adults and their families. Volunteers offer friendly visiting and telephone reassurance to homebound seniors. Through its Partners in Care Concierge (PiCC) medical accompaniment program, trained volunteers accompany older adults to their medical appointments in order to listen, facilitate productive communication and with a written report for accurate follow up by the client or caregiver.

### CAREGIVER SUPPORT SERVICES

The JFS Older Adult Services Coordinator assists local and long distance caregivers in managing the care of their older parents or loved ones. This program provides support through an extensive menu of services including information and referrals, facilitated introductions to facilities and service providers, Caregiver Consultations, monthly Caregiver Conversations support groups, educational workshops, and more.

### NEW AMERICAN PROGRAM

The New American Community Club assists foreign-born older adults in accessing social and medical services, offers support, and promotes the process of acculturation and integration into the larger community though a wide range of direct services and programs.

### COUNSELING

JFS provides counseling services in a safe, confidential and supportive environment. Skilled and compassionate licensed social workers offer support, guidance and solutions for a wide range of issues that may cause clients imbalance, stress or suffering – all in a personalized style. JFS therapists will use an individualized assessment and draw on their years of

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experience to create a treatment approach to help clients find their way back to a healthy, balanced life. JFS' Counseling Services are accredited by CARF International and are covered by most major insurance plans. JFS has recently launched 'Thrive Counseling Services', a branded service founded as a positive alternative to mental, emotional and behavioral health care. Thrive provides clients with confidential, personal care tailored to individual needs. Thrive is dedicated to helping you maintain a healthy and balanced life.

## COMMUNITY SERVICES

JFS assists community members with crisis management, including information and referral to community resources, a food pantry with Kosher, Halal and gluten-free items as well as food for other specialized diets, clothing, furniture, financial and other types of emergency assistance.

## JEWISH FAMILY LIFE EDUCATION

JFS offers a variety of culturally sensitive educational programs and events to strengthen individuals, families and the community. Education, information and support is provided, not only on universal family issues but also with the goal of supporting Jewish values and traditions and promoting common Jewish interests and socialization. Programs include the JFS Kids Care Fair, Issues for Aging, Mitzvah Mail and more.

## EMPLOYMENT AND CAREER SERVICES

JFS provides individualized services and guidance to job seekers in order to alleviate barriers to long-term, sustainable employment. The program offers a wide range of specialized services for non-English speakers in our county participating in the PATH (Partnership. Accountability. Training. Hope.) program. JFS Employment Services are accredited by CARF International.

## RESETTLEMENT AND INTERNATIONAL SERVICES

JFS provides a range of resettlement services for refugees and other immigrants, such as help establishing housing, preparing for citizenship, learning English, seeking employment, securing government documents, and adapting to American culture and life.

## TRANSPORTATION

The JFS CareVan Program enables older or disabled adults and other residents to maintain their independence by providing rides within the Ann Arbor/Ypsilanti area to medical appointments, errands, and community events. A van with a wheelchair lift is available. Riders must be JFS clients and make reservations one week in advance.

## VOLUNTEER SERVICES

JFS is able to provide services to those in need because of the assistance of many wonderful volunteers. Unique and fulfilling volunteer opportunities are tailored to meet diverse preferences, skills and schedules. There are many ways to help: be a friendly visitor, accompany seniors in the PiCC program to their medical appointments, teach English to immigrants and refugees as an ESL teacher or a conversational partner. You may provide administrative assistance in the office, join a committee or assist at an event. Opportunities for family and youth are also available.

## THE HERB AMSTER CENTER

The Amster Center's main objective is to enhance economic stability for JFS, for the benefit of JFS clients and the community at large. To that end, the Center has enhanced opportunities for earned revenue (corporate training, counseling, transportation) for JFS by building upon existing expertise, thereby reducing JFS' dependence on grant and foundation funding.

## TRAINING

JFS and The Herb Amster Center has launched a social enterprise that offers training and development solutions to local organizations wishing to enhance their workforce. JFS and The Herb Amster Center offer local businesses training and development seminars in four distinct areas: diversity, health and wellness, work-life balance and professional skill development. Each session is fully customized to client's goals and needs, rendering our training programs highly effective. These trainings are available for purchase, and are also available to those businesses who are JFS's ongoing corporate partners. To find out more about these training and development programs, and corporate partnership with JFS, visit www.amstercenter.org

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The Jewish Community Center, known as "the J," has the mission to enhance Jewish identity, culture, and values for the community, through a wide range of resources and excellent programming. The J does this by providing many programs and services that are open to all, proudly guided by Jewish values. Popular community events include Apples and Honey and Lots, Lots More, the J's celebration of the fall Jewish holidays, as well as an arts and authors festival that spans November and December, the Ann Arbor Jewish Film Festival in the spring, and many other events throughout the year.

The J's Early Childhood Center provides exceptionally high quality care and education for infants through preschoolers. KidZone provides a variety of programs for children in kindergarten through fifth grade, including afterschool and school vacation programs, snow day/unanticipated school closing programs, and more. Teens participate in the JCC Maccabi Games and Arts Fest delegations traveling to different cities each summer to participate in a variety of sports and arts competitions. The J offers two-day camps each summer. Camp Keshet is housed in our ECC for toddlers through preschoolers. Camp Raanana offers programs for children in grades K-5, a leadership camp for pre-teens in grades 6-8, and a counselor in training program for teens in grades 9-12, including paid junior counselor positions.

Adults enjoy a variety of health and wellness programs including fitness classes like Zumba, Kangoo, and Israeli Dancing, as well as frequent arts and culture programs including concerts, lectures, presentations, and classes, as well as rotating exhibits in the Amster Gallery. Every Thursday the J offers a "lunch and learn" with an optional lunch for purchase at noon and a special presentation on a wide variety of topics beginning at 1 p.m. Presenters range from leaders of local organizations and businesses to local musicians to conversations with local Rabbis or elected officials. Older adults engage socially and intellectually through our Tuesday/

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Thursday mobility exercise classes, current events discussion, Lunch Café, and more. The J seeks to build an authentic Jewish neighborhood through its programs and collaborations, as well as through leasing space to five community organizations: Jewish Federation of Greater Ann Arbor, Hebrew Day School of Ann Arbor, Jewish Cultural Society, Ann Arbor Reconstructionist Congregation, and Washtenaw Jewish News. The J is the proud hub of Jewish cultural life in Washtenaw County. Many spaces within the J are available for rent to Jewish and non-Jewish community organizations as well as individuals for meetings, programs, events, and celebrations.

## EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER AT THE J

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The Early Childhood Center (ECC) at the J has been providing high quality early childhood care and education to the Ann Arbor community for over a quarter century. The teachers and support staff provide a loving and supportive child-centered environment, which encourages creativity, spontaneity, and robust learning by integrating Jewish values and proven early childhood methodologies. Accredited by the National Association of the Education for Young children (NAEYC), the ECC is open to children ages 2 month to 5 years, with a variety of scheduling options to help meet every family's needs. The ECC is committed to maintaining excellent staff-to-child ratios and to providing its staff with professional development and continuing education. The ECC is also home to the summer day camp, Camp Keshet, an indoor/outdoor camp experience designed specifically for young children. The ECC uses the High Scope educational approach (www.highscope.org).

## YOUTH PROGRAMMING

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### KIDZONE AT THE J

KidZone is a special community at the J just for kids in grades K–8. KidZone programs are designed to use all the resources of the J to empower children to create, learn, and grow in a supportive and engaging environment.

**KidZone Afterschool** provides high quality care five days per week from afterschool to 6 p.m. A variety of transportation options exist depending on the child's school of origin. KidZone Afterschool attendees explore self-directed tzedakah projects as well as being provided with homework support including computer access, nutritious snacks, indoor and outdoor physical activity, enrichment opportunities, and more.

**KidZone Enrichment** coordinates afterschool and Sunday classes for a variety of ages and interest, including athletics, arts, crafts, creative learning, games, and more.

**KidZone Vacation** provides activities and field trips that are both fun and educational when school is not in session. Special KidZone programming is available during weather related or other emergency school closings.

**KidZone @Night** provides periodic evening activities that give kids a night out and parents a night off.

### JCC MACCABI GAMES AND ARTS FEST

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The J sends a delegation of teens each summer to compete at the JCC Maccabi Games and Arts Fest (www.jccmaccabigames.org), an annual, Olympic-style competition that provides teens an unprecedented opportunity to compete against their peers as well as perform community service and participate in social activities. Ann Arbor teens ages 13 -16 can join the Ann Arbor delegation to participate in a variety of sports or visual and performing arts at the largest gathering of Jewish teens from all over the world.

### CAMP RAANANA

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Camp Raanana is the J's amazing outdoor summer day camp for children entering grades K–8. Camp is held primarily at the beautiful beach-front Cedar Lake Outdoor Center in Chelsea, and integrates traditional "residential" camp activities with Jewish cultural experiences. Camp Raanana boasts theme days each week, as well as a Friday afternoon all-Camp Shabbat complete with camper and counselor skits in the beautiful wooded lakeshore amphitheater. Campers have the opportunity to explore a wide variety of activities each week such as archery, swimming, kayaking, canoeing, self-defense, arts & crafts, a variety of sports including Gaga – the Israeli version of dodge ball, soccer, basketball, and more. Optional overnight campouts develop campers' skills through putting up tents, learning to build a campfire, cooking outdoors, and all the campfire traditions of songs, skits, and s'mores. Campers build 21st Century skills including self-confidence, collaboration/cooperation, creative thinking, and enhance Jewish identity while making friends and

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### CAMP RAANANA JUNIOR COUNSELORS AND COUNSELORS IN TRAINING (CIT)

The Camp Raanana leadership development program gives middle school youth in grades 6-8 the opportunity to develop the skills needed to lead others, supervised by experienced head counselors, while still enjoying all that camp has to offer. The Counselor-in-Training (CIT) program offers teens entering grades 9–12 the opportunity to learn interviewing, leadership, management, group dynamics, and childcare skills while working under the supervision of the camp director and experienced head counselors. The CIT's serve as paid staff and become role models for campers. CIT's assist with a variety of camp activities.

## JEWISH CULTURAL ARTS AND EDUCATION @ THE J

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The Jewish Cultural Arts and Education department gives people of all ages the opportunity to enrich their lives through artistic and intellectual expression. The J provides classes, lectures, concerts, and hands-on experiences in visual and performing arts, as well as on a variety of topics in Jewish and broader life. The J also provides opportunities for life-long learning, including courses on topics of Jewish interest, current events and politics, music, film, language arts, physical fitness, and more.

### ANN ARBOR JEWISH BOOK & ARTS FESTIVAL

For over 20 years, each fall the J has hosted a festival celebrating the art of expression through the written word. It has evolved to include not only authors from all over the world, but artists of all kinds – visual, performing, and cinematic. The J has continued to host a beloved Local Author's Brunch during this festival, which celebrates authors from the Ann Arbor Jewish community who each have the opportunity to speak about their work. Partnering with Barnes and

Noble, the community can purchase books throughout the store, including featured selections by Jewish authors or on Jewish subjects, with a portion of the proceeds being donated to the J. Most events of the festival are free and open to the public; some events have a small entrance fee. Sponsorship donations make this celebration of books and arts possible and are available to businesses and individuals alike.

### ANN ARBOR JEWISH FILM FESTIVAL

Each spring the J presents the Ann Arbor Jewish Film Festival at the Michigan Theater, bringing films from all over the world made by Jewish filmmakers or about Jewish culture related subjects. The festival includes not only films, but discussions led by a variety of experts as well as other events celebrating the films and their subjects as well as the craft of filmmaking. Sponsorship donations make this celebration of the cinematic arts possible and are available to businesses and individuals alike.

### FILM DISCUSSION GROUP @ THE J

The J hosts a unique Film Discussion Group led by Russell Collins, executive director of the Michigan Theater and co-host of WEMU's *Cinema Chat*. Discussions cover a range of topics including plots, characters, and various cinematic elements, exploring the art and science of this expansive form of visual expression. Registration takes place twice per year, once in the fall and once in the winter. There is a fee for participation.

### AMSTER GALLERY @ THE J

The J hosts a variety of art exhibitions by local, national, and international artists in the Amster Gallery, provided by the generous support of Herbert (z"l) and Carol Amster, located along the main hallway of the J, as well as in the large Newman Lounge. Exhibitions are frequently launched via receptions with the artists that are free and open to the public. Most art on display is available for purchase.

### GELMAN VIDEO COLLECTION @ THE J

The J hosts the Gelman Video Collection, a library of DVD's and VHS video tapes, including the Jewish Heritage Video Collection, provided by the generous support of Charles and Rita Gelman. Videos are on display in the building's atrium and available to rent from the Welcome Center.

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## ANN ARBOR ORTHODOX MINYAN

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The Ann Arbor Orthodox Minyan meets in the University of Michigan Hillel in conjunction with the Hillel student Orthodox Minyan. Services are held weekly at sundown on Fridays during the school year and between 7 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. in the summer, depending on the week. Shabbat morning services are at 9:30 a.m. The Shabbat afternoon Mincha service is held a half-hour before sunset year round, followed by Seudah Shlishit and Maariv.

Daily morning services are held in conjunction with Chabad House at 7:30 a.m., Monday–Wednesday at Hillel, and Thursday, Friday, and Sunday (at 9 a.m.) at Chabad House.

A variety of formal and informal learning opportunities are offered during the school year, including Rabbi Glogower's Tuesday evening class "Topics in Rabbinic Literature" and a short class between Shabbat Mincha and Maariv. The minyan sponsors other activities throughout the year including a welcome barbeque in the fall, Shabbat morning children's tefillah and story time, a sukkah hop, women's learning in the sukkah, a winter melave malka lecture series, a women's megillah reading, a Shavuot tikkun and Shavuot picnic.

## ANN ARBOR RECONSTRUCTIONIST CONGREGATION

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AARC is an open and welcoming congregation of over 80 Jewish and interfaith families, couples, and individuals, from a wide variety of Jewish traditions, as well as non-Jews exploring Judaism. The congregation includes many LGBT and interracial households. AARC is Reconstructionist, part of a progressive movement within Judaism founded by Mordechai Kaplan in the early 20th century that fuses tradition with modernity. AARC's culture encourages an open minded approach to Judaism. A core tenet of Reconstructionism is that "the past has a vote, not a veto"; AARC members actively explore and debate Jewish beliefs and practices, balancing a respect for traditional Jewish teachings with the responsibility to interpret them in the light of contemporary values. The Jewish teaching of Tikkun Olam (repairing the world) infuses their intentions and practices, and is reflected in social and environmental action projects as well as in mitzvah opportunities. Community and participation define the spirit of the congregation—all members share responsibility for nourishing it.

### The Ann Arbor Eruv

The eruv in Ann Arbor covers an area of approximately four square miles and includes several residential and student areas in Burns Park and Ann Arbor Hills, as well as Woodbury Gardens. The eruv also includes the Hillel Foundation Building (at which the Ann Arbor Orthodox Minyan meets), Beth Israel Congregation and Temple Beth Emeth. A detailed map of the eruv can be found at the eruv website www.aaeruv.org. Weekly updates on the eruv status are posted at the website and are also distributed to an e-mail list. To be placed on the list for eruv updates, to volunteer to help check the eruv or for other questions, send an email message to a2eruv@a2eruv.org.

### SHABBAT SERVICES

AARC meets formally on the second Saturday and fourth Friday each month for Shabbat services. Fourth Friday services are preceded by a Tot Shabbat for families with young children. Services are held at the Jewish Community Center of Greater Ann Arbor, the group's home base. Communal dinners, Torah study, and informal prayer services held in members' homes supplement these Shabbat observances.

### HOLIDAY CELEBRATIONS

AARC hosts creative and multigenerational holiday celebrations as well as programs for families with young children. The holiday observances are open to all community members and include ticketless services for Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur and celebrations for all ages for Hannukah, Purim, and Passover.

### BEIT SEFER (RELIGIOUS SCHOOL)

The Ann Arbor Reconstructionist Congregation's religious school, the Beit Sefer, provides an innovative and engaging education for K-7th graders, focusing on Jewish values and ethics, history, diversity, prayer, and Hebrew language. Emphasizing critical inquiry and self-expression, the school uses a project-based learning approach to stimulate students' creativity and involvement in Jewish community.

Reconstructionist Jewish education is dedicated to intellectually honest inquiry combined with knowledge of tradition and commitment to the continuity of the Jewish people. The school believes this happens best in a caring, challenging, and supportive learning environment. Students are taught to actively participate in the evolution of Jewish religious culture. Classes are held at the Jewish Community Center on Sundays mornings, 9:30–11:30 a.m., from September through May.

Beit Sefer students learn in three multi-age classrooms. The youngest class, the Ketanim ("little ones")—K through 1st or 2nd grades—focuses on Torah stories, mitzvot, and Hebrew using the Hebrew through Movement approach. Emphasis is also placed on creativity, joy in learning, and forming friendships in community. The middle class, the Yeladim ("children")—middle-elementary school-age—focuses on Jewish time: the yearly cycle of holidays and the cycle of life rituals. The Hebrew curriculum continues using basic prayer vocabulary, poetry, song, and movement to encourage a comfortable familiarity with the language. The oldest class, the Gedolim ("big ones")—upper-elementary up to bar / bat mitzvah age—centers on Jewish place: homes; communities around the world, including Israel; and houses of prayer. The students learn about the development of Jewish civilization in diverse localities and about ethical dilemmas we face as individuals and communities. The students continue Hebrew including learning prayers in preparation for becoming b'nai mitzvah.

## BETH ISRAEL CONGREGATION (CONSERVATIVE)

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Established in 1916, Beth Israel has been a vital presence in the spiritual, social and educational lives of its members for 100 years. The congregation, a member of the United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism, is a welcoming and warm community, which fosters a connectedness to a rich tradition, embraces innovative and creative programming, and provides an important support system for its members in times of celebration and in times of need.

Beth Israel welcomes everyone regardless of race, sexual orientation, income whether single, married, or in a committed relationship. Beth Israel is an inclusive congregation gladly welcoming interfaith families and LGBT individuals and families.

Rabbi Robert Dobrusin, who is a graduate of the Jewish Theological Seminary, has served the congregation with distinction for 27 years. Rabbi Kim Blumenthal, also a JTS graduate, has served the congregation since 2008.

Beth Israel offers religious services that are traditional in form, egalitarian in nature, and participatory in practice. The services feature a wonderful sense of fellowship and community in a beautiful sanctuary-in-the-round setting. Congregants take leading roles in the conducting of all services. All are encouraged to review or learn new synagogue skills and to read from the Torah, chant the haftarah, or lead services, with instruction provided by Ritual Assistant Ron Sussman.

An egalitarian daily minyan, led by congregants is held Sunday–Thursday at 7:30 p.m. (5 p.m. on winter Sundays.) Friday evening Shabbat services take place at 6 p.m. and Saturday morning Shabbat services begin at 9:30 a.m.

Recognizing the critical importance of Jewish learning for all ages, the congregation provides classes for children and youth, and many opportunities for adult education throughout the year. Social and recreational activities that allow people to get to know each other better and programs emphasizing tikkun olam are an important part of congregational life.

A deep relationship and concern for Israel is fostered through teen scholarships, congregation trips, ongoing dialogue groups and the planning and hosting of a moving community-wide Yom Hazikaron (Israeli Fallen Soldiers and Victims of Terrorism Remembrance Day) Ceremony.

Beth Israel serves the homeless during Christmas through the Rotating Overflow Shelter program, provides volunteers to the Interfaith Hospitality Network at Alpha House for homeless families, runs a blood drive in March, and maintains a garden which supplies fresh vegetables to food pantries. The Beth Israel Mitzvah Connection organizes volunteers for phone calls and visits to the frail elderly who are homebound, as well as meals, rides, and errands to congregants who need them.

Non-members are always invited to participate in all of Beth Israel activities. New residents of Washtenaw County since last Yom Kippur may request free tickets to the High Holiday services. Individuals and families aged 35 and under may join the congregation in their first year for a dues of $300 (plus United Synagogue dues of $37.25).

## BETH ISRAEL PROGRAMS DEPARTMENT

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The Program Department provides high quality, experiential and informal Jewish learning opportunities for youth, adults and families.

### SHABBAT, HOLIDAY AND OTHER SPECIAL PROGRAMS AND MEALS

Beth Israel hosts a number of Shabbat and holiday events as a means of getting to know other members of the synagogue community and enhance one's celebration of Shabbat and holidays. In the summer, Beth Israel offers a Barks, Barbecue and Barchu to which pets are invited and which concludes with an outdoor Friday night service, and a Balloons, Barbecue and Barchu which includes an entertainer along with services in courtyard.

Holiday events include "Pizza in the Hut" on Sukkot, and International Shul of Pancakes Breakfast offered between the Shaharit Service and the Torah processionals on

Simchat Torah. A T Shirt and Baseball Hat Shabbat on a Saturday morning is followed by a hot dog/veggie dog Kiddush. On Sweatshirt Shabbat everyone is encouraged to wear a sweatshirt to a winter Shabbat morning service, followed by a cholent Kiddush. Carlebach and Chicken Soup features the melodies of Rabbi Shlomo Carlebach during the Friday night service, followed by a chicken soup dinner with all the fixings.

## THE BETH ISRAEL GARDEN

Each summer Beth Israel members maintain a community garden at County Farm Park where they grow flowers and vegetables donated to Food Gatherers through the "Faith and Food" program to help others in the community, and used during kiddush and for other synagogue meals.

## QUIZ NIGHT

A highlight of the programming year is the annual Beth Israel Quiz Night, a multimedia trivia competition held in January. Adults of all ages compete as teams to answer trivia questions, audio and video clues, and other puzzles in a fun filled, social evening.

## SUMMER FRIDAY NIGHT BACKYARD SHABBATS

Young Families enjoy a relaxing backyard Shabbat experience with a dairy dinner and pot lunch side dishes or desserts held at congregant homes.

## SHABBAT MORNING PROGRAMS FOR CHILDREN

Beth Israel offers Shabbat morning programs and services especially for children. Tot Shabbat meets on the 2nd and 4th Saturday of each month and features a Shabbat celebration for preschoolers with interactive stories and songs, a Torah parade, and a visit from one of the rabbis.

## HIGH HOLIDAY PROGRAMS FOR CHILDREN AND TEENS

High Holiday celebrations begin with a Rosh Hashanah Family Celebration on the afternoon of Erev Rosh Hashanah. Preschool and early elementary school-age children learn about and celebrate the High Holidays through songs, stories, the sounding of the Shofar, and a special Rosh

Hashanah snack. On the mornings of Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur two hour programs for different age groups are held.

## PURIM CELEBRATION

The entire congregation gets into the act by dressing up in costumes (adults as well as children) and participating in a themed Purim Megilla Reading on Erev Purim. Past events include a Charlie Brown Purim, and Live From Beth Israel, It's Saturday Night! and Haman Vs Esther, a Super Hero Purim.

## INTERFAITH PROGRAMS

Beth Israel is an active member of the interfaith community. Participation in community interfaith events is encouraged and often interfaith educational gatherings are hosted at the synagogue. Beth Israel has supported the Interfaith Round Table of Washtenaw County since its founding in 1995.

## ADULT EDUCATION

Many classes and lectures are offered throughout the year, including study programs in conjunction with the Hartman Institute and the Jewish Theological Seminary, Wednesday Lunch and Learn sessions, Shabbat Limmud text study classes on the weekly Torah portion and other topics, special holiday study sessions, a traditional late night Tikkun Leil Shavuot study program, educational programs facilitated by Rabbi Dobrusin and Rabbi Blumenthal, and adult Hebrew classes jointly sponsored by TBE

As part of Beth Israel's celebration of its 100th anniversary, two programs are scheduled in the fall to talk about the future of Judaism in America. On November 6, a panel of young Jews from the community will convey their thoughts. On December 4, Los Angeles IKAR founder and Rabbi Sharon Brous, will present her ideas in a conversation format facilitated by U-M History and Judaics professor Jeffrey Veidlinger. In addition, a Congregation-wide Beth Israel Reads program will be devoted to the futures topic.

## EDUCATION DEPARTMENT - RELIGIOUS SCHOOL

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Beth Israel Religious School (BIRS) provides an exceptional educational program, which includes Hebrew reading and conversational skills, prayer, Bible, history, and values. At BIRS, students learn through doing: the calendar includes Friday Night Lights Shabbat services and dinners, Mitzvah Day, and holiday family celebrations.

## PRESCHOOL PROGRAM

Children ages 3 and 4 and a parent are encouraged to join in the fun activities of the Sunday eight session Gan Katan program. Children and parents enjoy stories and activities together. Gan Katan is open to the entire community regardless of synagogue membership.

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## ELEMENTARY PROGRAM

Grades K–1 meets on Sunday mornings. Grade 2–5 meet on Sunday mornings and Wednesday afternoons.

BIRS students are introduced to Jewish learning through a program rich in Jewish experiences. Music, games, age appropriate prayer, stories and crafts are all part of the weekly classroom routines. Elementary students build their knowledge of Hebrew reading, writing and siddur (prayer book) skills each year. The study of conversational Hebrew helps students develop fluid reading skills and appreciate Hebrew as a living language that connects them to the worldwide Jewish community.

Students develop skills and knowledge of text, ethics and values, and Jewish practice. Holidays provide times to celebrate with family or school wide programs. Planned for this year are Pizza in the Hut Family Dinner; Family Hanukkah program; Family Mitzvah Day, and Purim celebrations.

## MIDDLE SCHOOL PROGRAM

Grades 6 and 7 meet on Sunday mornings and Wednesday afternoons, and have other programming on selected Shabbat mornings throughout the year. Grade 8 meets on Sunday mornings.

The middle school curriculum includes core courses which focus on Jewish life-cycle, ethics, traditional texts, Hebrew language, tefillah, and history. Semester long electives taught by the teaching or rabbinic staff are academic, but supplemental to the core Judaics curriculum. Teachers engage students in quality discussions and activities as they explore what it means to live as a Jew today.

Coming together as a community each week for tefillot and occasional special activities and celebrations are important parts of the middle school experience. Sixth graders attend an exciting Shabba-

ton and a series of Shabbat morning sessions. The Bar/Bat Mitzvah Family Series engages students as well as their parents in meaningful learning which facilitates the preparation of students for bar and bat mitzvah individual tutoring.

BIRS works cooperatively with Temple Beth Emeth to offer conversational Hebrew at an immersion level in the middle school. These classes are designed for students who have attended Hebrew Day School in the past, as well as students who have aextensive Hebrew background from other learning experiences. Students whose families are not Beth Israel members are welcome to attend these classes.

Eighth grade students study from a curriculum called The Jewish Lens, and use photography skills to explore their Jewish identity and reflect on their education and experiences.

## HIGH SCHOOL PROGRAMS

Students continue to participate in the school and the synagogue throughout their high school careers. The Madrichim Program has two tracks: students in the Educational Assistants Track work with elementary students, and students in the Service Learning Track spend most Sunday mornings volunteering in the community.

Students from the two tracks engage in regular study sessions with the rabbis, and join together for social and group building activities. They may also get involved in other synagogue and community activities, such as: taking Hebrew classes through Keshet Ann Arbor, and participating in Beth Israel's Alternative Spring Break Trip. High school students are also encouraged to attend a summer teen program to Israel and may apply for a Ladin Israel Teen Trip Scholarship to help with the expenses.

## FRIDAY NIGHT LIGHTS AND FAMILY PROGRAMS

The Friday Night Lights program provides families with opportunities to enjoy the community experience of a Kabbalat Shabbat service at 6 p.m. followed by a dairy Shabbat dinner. The cost for dinner is $8 per person, with no charge for children under 3. RSVP's and payment are required on the Monday before each dinner. This year's Friday Night Lights programs will be held on: November 18, Jananuary 27, and March 31. Additional Family Programs offer easy opportunities to celebrate holidays together as a community. Pizza in the Hut on Wednesday, October 19, from 6–7 p.m. includes a pizza dinner in Beth Israel's sukkah. The Family Hanukkah Program and Dinner will take place on Sunday, December 18.

## CONGREGATION BETH CHABAD

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Chabad-Lubavitch is a Chassidic movement within Judaism that focuses on the individual's relationship to God and fosters a deep sense of devotion and responsibility toward one's fellow men and women. It is characterized by its emphasis on education and its commitment to lend help wherever it is needed.

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Chabad House and its Congregation Chabad serve as a "home away from home" for Jewish students, as well as a synagogue and gathering place for families in the Washtenaw County area. Under the guidance of Rabbi Aharon and Esther Goldstein, Congregation Chabad reaches out to all Jews regardless of age, affiliation or level of observance. Located on the University of Michigan campus, Congregation Chabad is dedicated to increasing the understanding and knowledge of Judaism and to actively serving and improving the community.

Jewish education is a high priority at Congregation Chabad, where a wide variety of classes are available on a nearly daily basis. Courses include: Insights into the Torah Portion, Jewish Mysticism (Tanya), Hebrew Language, History and Approaches to Jewish Prayer, Talmud study group, Jewish Law and general topics in Judaism. Everyone is welcome regardless of one's previous background, affiliation and level of knowledge. Classes are free of charge and open to the public. Private classes are also available.

Services are conducted year-round in conformance with traditional Jewish law and practice. Hebrew prayer books are available with English or Russian translations. Shabbat evening services begin 15 minutes before sundown Fridays during the school year and at 7 p.m. during the summer. Shabbat morning services begin at 9:45 a.m. Shabbat afternoon and evening services 40 minutes before sundown year-round. Daily services are held in conjunction with the Hillel Orthodox Minyan,

starting at 7:30 a.m. during the week and at 9 a.m. on Sunday. Sunday, Thursday and Friday morning services take place at Chabad House; Monday through Wednesday services are held at Hillel.

Chabad plays an active role in the local Jewish community. Holiday highlights include shofar making at the JCC's Apples and Honey event, Chanukah adult and children's programs, distribution of *shalach manot* (gift baskets) for Purim and a Passover matzah bakery.

Chabad provides a place where life-cycle events can be commemorated and celebrated. Jewish services offered throughout the year include rabbinical advice; information and help on koshering home kitchens; provision of religious articles at cost; renting furnished rooms for students and visitors; providing Shabbat and holiday hospitality; meals; counseling; lectures and classes. Judaic and bar/bat mitzvah tutoring for children and adults is offered.

Chabad House facilities are available to all Jews in the community for the pursuit of Jewish knowledge and for contact with other Jews. Its hospitality and home-like atmosphere are appreciated by students and by visitors to the area. A Rosh Chodesh group for women only is provided and a mikvah is located on the premises. *(See Women's Organizations.)* Congregation Chabad also offers a wide array of other services and programs, including adult education. *(See Jewish Education.)* Chabad House is also a center for Jewish students at the University of Michigan. *(See Campus Organizations.)* For children, Chabad offers Torah Enrichment Program and a winter and summer day camp, and Camp Gan Israel. *(See Youth Activities.)*

## JEWISH CULTURAL SOCIETY

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The Jewish Cultural Society (JCS) is a secular humanistic organization that promotes Jewish ethics, values, history, and culture. It provides a community for individuals and families whose Jewish identification is primarily with culture and family. The JCS takes pride in the fact that its membership is diverse. All individuals and families — young and elderly, traditional and nontraditional, Jewish and intercultural — who wish to express their Jewishness from a secular humanistic perspective, are welcome.

Founded in 1965, the JCS stresses the cultural aspects of Jewish traditions, Jewish history as a source of ethics and strength, and the values of humanism and social justice found in both modern and historical Judaism. The community offers engaging Sunday school and B'nai Mitzvah programs (pre-K through high school), as well as enriching adult educational and social programs. Life-cycle events are celebrated in a secular and humanistic manner, as are monthly Friday evening Shabbat observances and the Jewish holidays.

The JCS is based at the Jewish Community Center of Greater Ann Arbor (JCC) and is affiliated with the Congress of Secular Jewish Organizations.

### HOLIDAY CELEBRATIONS

Every fall the Jewish Cultural Society offers secular humanistic Rosh Hashanah, Kol Nidre, and Yom Kippur observances, primarily in English. These events are held at the Jewish Community Center and are open to the public. The messages of the High Holiday observances are reflection, responsibility, and forgiveness. The observances are a rededication to communal and individual actions that improve the community and the world. Songs are sung in Hebrew, Yiddish, and English and are led by the JCS choir. Tashlich is observed along the banks of the Huron River, followed by a community picnic. The JCS community also comes together for a "Break- the-Fast" potluck after Yom Kippur. All observances are free to members and open to the public for a small charge.

Other holiday celebrations include a Sukkot harvest celebration, a family Chanukah party, a Tu b'Shevat celebration and a Purim carnival. In addition, the Jewish Cultural Society holds a popular 2nd Night Seder each Passover. The

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## SHABBAT OBSERVANCES

The recognition of Shabbat as a time to step away from one's daily life and focus on family is an important part of secular humanistic Jewish practice. The JCS community meets for Shabbat on the first Friday of each month. These observances are open to the whole community. Shabbat is celebrated through secular Jewish readings, singing, candle lighting, challah and wine rituals, and a Yahrtzeit observance to remember loved ones.

Following the Shabbat observance, the community shares a catered dinner from a local Ann Arbor restaurant. After dinner, educational or social programs are offered such as discussing a topic of interest, playing Jewish Jeopardy, or listening to a Bar or Bat Mitzvah student make a presentation. The First Friday Shabbat is celebrated at the JCC and participants of all ages are welcome.

## LIFE-CYCLE OBSERVANCES

Life-cycle observances are a central part of the JCS community life. In addition to baby namings, a special Shabbat ceremony offers each young student a chance to select or affirm his or her Jewish name. This community-wide life-cycle event provides the students with the opportunity to learn about the people for whom they are named.

The JCS two-year Bar and Bat Mitzvah program is unique and very meaningful. It is described in detail below. An adult B'nai Mitzvah class is also available for members who request it. Participants, in collaboration with the leader, plan the curriculum content and pace. The adult Mitzvah ceremony culminates the approximately two-year program.

As the JCS madrikha, Julie Gales works closely with individuals and families to develop very personal weddings, funerals, memorials, and unveilings. The JCS has a Memorial Garden at Arborcrest Cemetery in northeast Ann Arbor.

## JEWISH CULTURAL SCHOOL

The Jewish Cultural School (pre-K through 7th grade) is the Sunday school program of the Jewish Cultural Society. The goal of the program is to expose students to the scope of Jewish life over 4,000 years to engender in them an appreciation for Jewish history, culture, and ethics. Learning is participatory and active. Students sing, create art, cook, and hear and tell stories. The school runs from September through May.

The students learn about Jewish holidays with an emphasis on their relevance today. They also study Jewish life in biblical times and the Middle Ages; Jewish culture in the Middle East and America; anti-Semitism and the Holocaust; and secular humanistic Jewish philosophers. Field trips (such as to the Holocaust Museum in Farmington Hills for the older youth) and simulations (such as the bi-annual Ellis Island reenactment) are integrated into the curriculum. There is a strong emphasis on active and participatory social action. Although everything is taught in English, students are introduced to basic key words in Hebrew and Yiddish. The curriculum continually evolves through student, parent, and teacher input. In this way, the school supports the students in the development of a positive Jewish identity.

Parent involvement in the Jewish Cultural School is welcomed and encouraged. Parents actively participate in their children's education by teaching, helping in their child's classroom, or helping in the planning and running of holiday celebrations.

## B'NAI MITZVAH PROGRAM

The Jewish Cultural Society's B'nai Mitzvah Program offers a truly unique and meaningful way to transition children into Jewish communal life. This program begins in the sixth grade and is a two-year process that includes independent research on Jewish topics chosen by the students. Participants distill the information into short

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oral presentations given at a First Friday Shabbat observance or other gathering of families of the B'nai Mitzvah class. The topics cover everything from Masada to shtetl life in Russia to Marc Chagall to Black/Jewish relations in the Civil Rights Movement.

The students also research their own families' stories, and work on a Jewish Identity Project that helps them to solidify their own ideas about what it means to be Jewish. In keeping with the secular humanistic Jewish emphasis on social justice, there is a 30-hour community service commitment to a project chosen by the student. Students volunteer for local organizations, such as Meals on Wheels, Lurie Terrace, Peace Neighborhood Center, and many others.

This effort culminates in a Bar or Bat Mitzvah celebration, usually during the seventh grade. Each ceremony is a unique collaboration written by the students and their parents with help from the JCS madrikha, Julie Gales, who presides over the events. The Mitzvah celebrations are held at the Jewish Community Center or at another location of the Bar/Bat Mitzvah family's choice.

## OLDER YOUTH ACTIVITIES

After Bar or Bat Mitzvah, students are encouraged to continue their involvement in the JCS by joining the Tzofim Program. This program includes leadership opportunities and discussions focusing on contemporary Jewish identity, as defined through history and culture. The program also provides an opportunity for students to work as aides in the classroom and help plan holiday programs and other community-wide events. The post-Bar/Bat Mitzvah-age youth may also attend the annual Congress of Secular Jewish Organizations' conference that takes place each Memorial Day weekend in different locations across North America.

## ADULT ACTIVITIES

The JCS offers adult education programs monthly throughout the school year. The Book Club, the Memoir Writing Group and Sunday Schmoozes provide an opportunity for all members of the wider Jewish community to have interesting discussions and enjoy each other's company. The JCS also co-sponsors a variety of presentations with the Jewish Community Center and other Jewish community groups. Adult input into all of the JCS activities is encouraged and appreciated.

The Jewish Cultural Society's Third Friday Chavurah takes the form of a monthly potluck for older members held in rotation at the homes of the participants. Meeting regularly since 1990, the group has spawned close friendships and lively conversations. Some of the members were among the original founders of the Jewish Cultural School in 1965. Others have helped organize the 50 years of archival documents that contain the impressive history of the organization.

## PARDES HANNAH

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Pardes Hannah, Ann Arbor's Jewish Renewal Community, provides an intimate setting to enter deeply into praye—through chanting, kabbalistic meditation, movement, traditional davening, and openhearted engagement with Torah. Pardes Hannah offers Shabbat morning and Kabbalat Shabbat services, Rosh Hashanah, Kol Nidre and Yom Kippur services and a variety of spiritual and educational study sessions and celebrations throughout the cycle of the Jewish year.

Pardes Hannah meets the first Shabbat of the month for Shabbat morning services held at Beth Israel Annex, 2010 Washtenaw Avenue. Several times a year the group will alternate and meet for Kabbalat Shabbat and pot luck dinners at members homes. Services and other activities are lead by Rabbi Elliot Ginsburg, founder and spiritual leader of Pardes Hannah, and other skilled leaders in the group. Check the website for dates, location and more information. In the tradition of Jewish Renewal communities (see www.aleph.org).

Pardes Hannah is committed to strengthening the three pillars of Jewish life—prayer, study, and action. The goals of Jewish Renewal are to empower individuals to respond to the call of Torah and to provide the resources that assist individuals and communities in the search for a meaningful, Jewish spiritual practice. Jewish Renewal draws on the well- springs of Jewish tradition, on sacred texts, mystical practices, historical currents, artistic expression, and individuals' own inner truths.

## TEMPLE BETH EMETH

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Temple Beth Emeth is a Reform Congregation, affiliated with the Union for Reform Judaism, committed to enhancing religious life in Ann Arbor through religious, spiritual, cultural, educational, social action and social programming. The congregation strives to create a sense of family, a "caring community," for all its members—a place in which

its members can celebrate their joys or share difficult moments surrounded by people who care.

This year, TBE celebrated its 50th anniversary with a Shabbat service on August 19, at which, they welcomed their new rabbi – Rabbi Josh Whinston – to their community. There was a series of events coordinated by TBE's Transition Committee over the summer meant to embrace Rabbi Whinston's new role in the Temple's community, and the larger Ann Arbor one.

TBE continues to cater to a diverse congregation by providing a spectrum of Shabbat services that meet the various needs and spiritual journeys of its members. Every Friday evening, Shabbat begins with Tot Shabbat at 5:45 p.m. Parents and children are invited for dinner at 6:15 p.m. Dinner concludes with a popsicle oneg. At 7:30 p.m. there is a service using the Reform prayer book, Mishkan Tefilah.

Shabbat morning begins with a Torah study led by Rabbi Whinston. On weeks without a bar or bat mitzvah, Kaddish will be said at the conclusion of Torah Study. TBE clergy lead Shabbat morning services in the sanctuary at 10 a.m. on weeks when there is a bar or bat mitzvah. Prayer is the heart of the congregation.

Holidays provide the perfect venue for festive events. TBE has a family Sukkot picnic with sukkah decorating. Simchat Torah combines two events, an early celebration with singing and dance, and a later adult Torah study. The Family Chanukah Service and the Brotherhood Latke Dinner have become TBE traditions, with families bringing their menorahs to light during the service. The Second Night Seder celebrates Passover in the spirit of community. A meaningful Yom HaShoah/Holocaust Memorial Service is written and led by the Generations After group, children of survivors.

## MUSIC

### ADULT CHOIR

Jewish music plays an important role at TBE under the direction of Cantor Regina Hayut. The Adult Choir, Kol Halev, sings during High Holy Day services, periodically at Friday night services and at concerts throughout the year. Veterans of two international concert tours and several concerts with the Ann Arbor Symphony, highlights of the Kol Halev year may include an annual concert with the adult choir of St Clare's Episcopal Church, a Cabaret Night in which members cook a delicious dinner and entertain the community, and an all ensemble concert featuring all of the performing groups of TBE.

### YOUTH, MIDDLE SCHOOL & HIGH SCHOOL MUSICAL ENSEMBLES

Kol No'ar, TBE's Youth Choir, is made up of students grades 3–5. While the main goal of Kol No'ar is to mesh the love of music and singing with Jewish learning through lively rehearsals, the group also has lots of fun performing in services and concerts at the temple and in the community during the course of the year.

Shir Chadash, the Middle and High School student choral and instrumental ensembles, perform in services and concerts and periodically hold "Cafe" evenings of music in an informal cafe atmosphere. This year, the Shir Chadash Band will be directed by Andrew Peck, a recent graduate of the Jazz Music program at the U of M, and will have separate rehearsal and performance opportunities for students of varying levels of instrumental proficiency. Adding to the excitement of and in collaboration with the revamped instrumental program, the choral program will include writing, producing, and performing in the first ever student-run Purim Spiel.

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### SOCIAL ACTION

The mission of the Social Action Committee of Temple Beth Emeth is to assist the congregation in applying Jewish values to promoting social justice through aid, education, and advocacy. These efforts to promote tikkun olam vary from year to year depending on local, regional and global issues of relevance to our goals in promoting peace and equality.

Social action takes many forms at Temple Beth Emeth, TBE members work jointly with St. Clare's Episcopal Church on several ongoing activities including: The Back Door Food Pantry, the Food and Faith Garden, the Interfaith Hospitality Network at Alpha House, the Food Gatherer's Community Kitchen at the Delonis Center, and hosting the Shelter Association's Rotating Shelter during Thanksgiving week. This year both congregations and Blue Ocean Faith will be working with Jewish Family Services to support refugee resettlement efforts.

Other outreach efforts include connections with projects to promote peace and cooperation in Israel such as Hand in Hand schools, Rabbis for Human Rights, Zeitouna film and dialogue and interfaith worship between Christian, Muslim and Jewish leaders in our community through the Niagra Foundation celebrating Eid al-Fitr marking the break the fast at the end of Ramadan.

Anually TBE members volunteer at sites throughout our community during Mitzvah Day.

### SISTERHOOD AND BROTHERHOOD

The Sisterhood is a vibrant organization with broad-based activities that support

both its members and the congregation as a whole. Members also run the gift shop that offers a wide selection of Judaica, gifts, and special order items. Brotherhood is both a service and educational group for the congregation, sponsoring the latke dinner, building the sukkah, and holding both social and educational meetings for its members. (See additional sections on Men's and Women's organizations for details and contact information.)

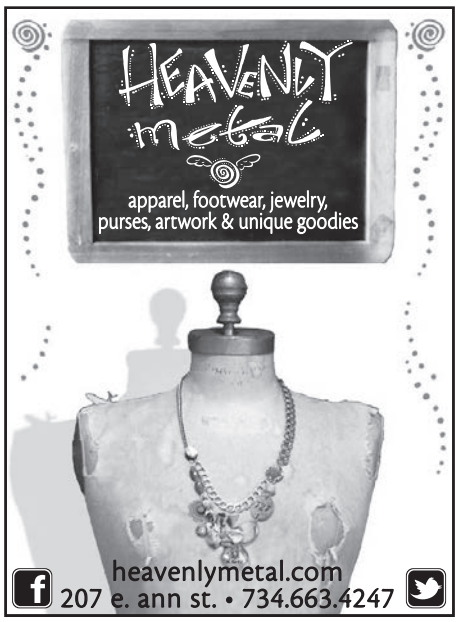
## ADULT EDUCATION PROGRAMS

TBE offers a wide variety of educational opportunities for adults, at every entry point. They include semester courses in special topics, study with Rabbi Whinston and Cantor Hayut, weekly Shabbat Morning Torah Study, a Shabbaton (extended Shabbat programming) with a scholar-in-residence, book clubs, bi-monthly Men's and Women's Torah Study, educational holiday programs, and a themed lecture series. Cantor Emerita Rose will again be facilitating a Spirituality Book Club this year, offered as both an evening and daytime class. SooJi Min, Judy Freedman and Quyen Epstein-Ngo facilitate weekly Jewish Mindfulness Meditation Sits. Programs are open to temple members and to members of the community-at-large. For information, call 665-4744. Stay connected to TBE through the website and become a "friend" on Facebook.

## CARING COMMUNITY

The Caring Community program provides a congregation-wide opportunity to serve fellow congregants in times of joy and sorrow. Through the Caring Community Volunteer Corps (CCVC) congregants assist each other with meals for families with new babies, for congregants that are ill or recovering from surgery, or for a house of mourning. CCVC also provides rides during the day to doctor's appointments and rides to and from services and events at TBE.

Bikkur Cholim provides visits to members of the TBE community who are hospitalized, in nursing or assisted living centers, or at home. Nachamu (TBE's Bereavement Group) conducts shiva services at congregants' homes and provides training for others to participate in this mitzvah. Caregiver support groups meet to support adult children caring for parents living locally and out of town.

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## HOLIDAY PROGRAMS

Services and special celebrations are planned throughout the year on festivals and other holidays. During Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur, the congregation offers traditional services along with family services, youth services, and a special service for tots and their parents. High Holy Day Services are held at Pease Auditorium on the EMU campus on both Erev Rosh Hashanah and Kol Nidre, and the mornings of Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur. Afternoon and concluding Yom Kippur Services return to the temple on Packard Street. There are separate services each holiday for AARTY (Grades 9-12). Community members may purchase tickets by contacting the office or using the order form on the website. University students are welcome to attend the services at no charge. Call the office to arrange for tickets.

Sukkot and Simchat Torah include an outdoor sukkah decorating party, services, Israeli dancing and multiple adult study opportunities. The Brotherhood sponsors a latke dinner each Chanukah, which is followed by a service lit by everyone's menorahs. On December 25, the congregation always sponsors a movie at the Michigan Theater.

In the spring, a large annual second night Seder is held that is open to the entire community. Every year, the Generations After group (TBE children & relatives of survivors) write a meaningful Yom Hashoah service for the observance of Holocaust Remembrance Day and a supplemental afternoon service for Yom Kippur. Spring brings a fun megillah reading and Purim carnival. Shavuot brings the special confirmation service that is written and led by the confirmation class as well as an evening of adult study.

## TOT PROGRAMS

TBE offers a weekly 5:45 p.m. Tot Shabbat service conducted by Rabbi Whinston and Cantor Hayut followed by a special dinner at 6:15 p.m. Tot Chanukah, held in conjunction with the annual family service has become a popular event, and tot activities are part of the annual Purim carnival. Caring Community provides baby bags to welcome the newest members of the TBE community.

## SOCIAL OPPORTUNITIES

TNT, the 20s and 30s group at TBE for young Jewish adults, single or married, meets for both cultural and social events. Trivia Nights, Sushi in the Sukkah, Esther's Underground Purim Party, potluck Shabbat dinners, and volunteering at community organizations are some of the events done over the past few years. TNT frequently co-sponsors events with other local Jewish young adult groups including a new partnership with J-Hub. The Ruach and Renaissance Group, for members over 40, holds potluck dinners, game nights, and attends theater events, as well as other social activities in an effort to encourage connections among members who no longer have children in the Religious School. Look out for new and exciting programs this year.

## TEMPLE BETH EMETH RELIGIOUS SCHOOL

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Temple Beth Emeth strives to educate its students to become proficient in the skills needed to be life-long Jewish learners. TBE believes that this is best accomplished within the framework of a vibrant Jewish community. TBE provides students with a curriculum based on Reform Jewish educational philosophy in a manner that is creative, engaging and intellectually stimulating. TBE employs high-quality teachers who are knowledgeable, enthusiastic and committed to Judaism. TBE involves the families of its students in a variety of exciting family education programs.

The Religious and Hebrew School programs serve students from preschool age through grade 12. The curriculum includes studies in areas such as customs and traditions, Torah, holidays, life cycle, prayer, music, history, theology, Israel, immigration, comparative Judaism, the Holocaust and Jewish ethics. The curriculum is based upon recommendations from the Union of Reform Judaism. There are 286 students enrolled in the school.

### LOWER GRADES

Religious School for preschool-5th grade students is held at TBE on Saturday mornings in two sessions: 8:30–10:15 a.m. and 10:45 a.m. –12:30 p.m. Shabbat mornings are filled with singing, Israeli dance, stories, the study of Jewish history, Torah, Israel, mitzvot, ethics and holidays. Each grade has a different focus and our approach is an active hands-on one where students are guided in their learning by teachers who are knowledgeable and have a love of Judaism.

### FAMILY INVOLVEMENT

A monthly parent-child class focusing on Jewish holidays and home rituals is available for three-year-olds. There are family social and educational programs for each grade level. We offer parenting workshops on a variety of topics throughout the year. A Jewish artist is invited to perform for students and their families each year. On Shabbat morning there is an adult Torah study session, followed by services in the chapel, during the first session of Religious School. These activities help to develop a sense of community and encourage parents to continue their own educational growth.

### HEBREW

Students are introduced to the Hebrew alphabet in second grade, and Hebrew School begins in third grade and continues through sixth grade. The Hebrew program focuses on Hebrew reading skills and an understanding of the meaning and structure of the prayers. Students are introduced to conversational Hebrew and grammar. TBE offers Conversational Hebrew in 8th grade and many of TBE's high school students

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Interested in involving your child in Temple Beth Emeth's learning community? Email Terri Ginsburg at tginsburg@templebethemeth.org or call 734.665.4744 to learn about TBE's many wonderful programs for youth.

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study Conversational Hebrew through Keshet, the Community Resource Hebrew Program sponsored by TBE and the Jewish Federation of Washtenaw County.

## BAR/BAT MITZVAH TRAINING

Cantor Regina Hayut supervises the b'nai mitzvah training program. Students work with private tutors and meet with the cantor at the end of each aliyah. The rabbis also meet with students to work on their drash/speech.

## MUSIC

Students enjoy a strong Jewish music program, led by experienced song leaders as part of the weekly Saturday morning program. Cantor Hayut leads a Youth Choir for students in grades 3–5 and Shir Chadash, vocal and instrumental groups for middle and high school students. These musical groups are very popular and meet at times that are coordinated with Hebrew and Religious School sessions. The students have a variety of opportunities to perform throughout the year.

## MIDDLE AND HIGH SCHOOL PROGRAMS

Sixth through twelfth grades have class on Sunday evenings from 6–7:30 p.m. The 130 students participating in this program enjoy sharing pizza and social time before the formal class session begins. 7th graders study mitzvot and participate in a variety of social action projects. The 8th grade class, which studies modern Jewish history, ends with a fantastic trip to New York City. The 10th grade confirmation class will be taught by Rabbi Joshua Whinston and culminates in a beautiful Shabbat service which is written and led by the students. Eleventh and twelfth grade seminar options include courses such as "Jews on the Edge," "Repair the World: Being the Change" and "Jewish Identity and Literature".

## MADRICHIM PROGRAM

Ninth grade students participate in a year-long training program, which prepares them for working as a madrich/a (classroom aide). Students in grades 10–12 work as office or classroom aides. Thirty-nine madrichim worked in the classrooms last year, served as positive role models for the younger students and added a wonderful energy to the school.

## ADVANCED HEBREW STUDY FOR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

High school students are able to receive public school credit (through the Community Resource program) for studying Hebrew language. There were 4 students involved in the Keshet Hebrew CR program last year.

# TEMPLE ECHAD

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*Abby Wells, founder*
*Robert Chester, cantor*
*Stoney Griffin, DJ*

Temple Echad is an unaffiliated congregation that embraces new ways of expressing Jewish identity and provides a sacred space for individuals and families of diverse religious backgrounds by bringing together the mystical core of all traditions in a Jewishly inspired, egalitarian context. More spiritual than religious, the congregation is tailor-made for contemporary lifestyles and inclusive beliefs, and is committed to being not only a post-denominational community but also Ann Arbor's first interfaith synagogue. Erev Shabbat services are held every Friday night at 7 p.m. at either the Ann Arbor Friends Center or Journey of Faith Church.

## MORE LOVE, MORE LIFE

The tagline, "More Love, More Life," is a congregational mantra that captures the vision of founder and student Rabbi Abby Wells whose vision is to harmonize the future of Judaism and a common human future through an ever evolving spiritual community that takes seriously the call to "love thy neighbor as thyself."

## SHABBAT EVENING SERVICES

Participatory dialogue, personal story telling and a global singer/songwriter music style are central to the life and celebration of the congregation, which revolves around the Shabbat. The contemplative and eclectic nature of the Shabbat evening services reflect a collective search for deeper meaning through spiritual and intellectual exploration, prayer, rest, and meditation that nurtures the mind, heart, and soul. All services are led by Temple Echad's founder, Abby Wells, with music by Cantor Robert Chester and DJ Stoney Griffin.

## RECOVERY MEDITATION SERVICE

Temple Echad is not your Yiddishe mama's shul. On the last Friday of each month, the Shabbat evening services focus solely on recovery and begin with a communal sitting meditation. Rooted in the belief that 12-step recovery is relevant to all aspects of life, TE's monthly Recovery Service is centered on inspiring hope and living one day at a time, and expands the scope of the term recovery to include healing from divorce, addiction, mental or physical illness, trauma, life shifts, codependency, eating disorders, religion and more.

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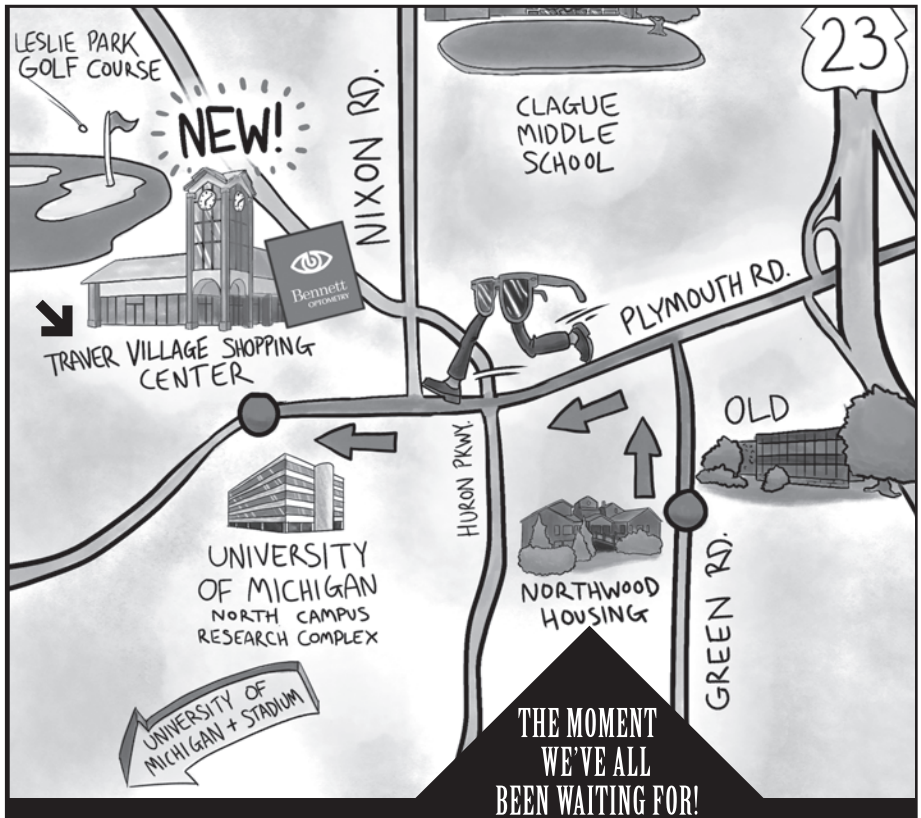


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## SOCIAL ACTION

Temple Echad is equally committed to social action and making a difference in the local community. At Temple Echad, the work of Tikkun Olam starts first with bringing people together in openness and peace—a focus that is as much about preparing the world as it is about repairing the world. TE also has a Tikkun Olam committee that aims to both educate about and tell the whole story of Ann Arbor—acknowledging the forgotten and the unknown, to help remedy inequities and to make Ann Arbor's story a better one.

# adult activities

## ACTIVE AND OLDER ADULTS @ THE J

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*Rachael Hoffenblum, adult program coordinator*

The J provides programming for active and older adults with regular opportunities to engage in social, cultural, and educational programming multiple times each week. On Tuesdays and Thursdays the J hosts a noon Lunch Café featuring a $5 lunch of fresh vegetarian fare which also serves as a congregate meal site for Washtenaw County, offering a special rate of $3 for those over 60 years of age. Thursday lunch and learns begin at 1 p.m. featuring musical performances, guest speakers, presentations, and panel discussions covering a wide range of topics and experiences. The J hosts concerts on other days of the week featuring Ann Arbor Symphony

Orchestra as well as independent musician chamber ensembles and soloists. Other programs include weekly current events discussions, Yiddish Literature Circle, health screenings, and a variety of wellness options such as Zumba (intense), Callanetics, Low-Impact Exercise, and Tai Chi for Seniors. There are also many intergenerational activities hosted in conjunction with the Hebrew Day School of Ann Arbor and the J's Early Childhood Center. Those interested can request to be on the mailing list for the monthly adult program guide.

## HEALTH AND WELLNESS @ THE J

*Ethan Krasnow, director*
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The J is committed to enhancing the physical and mental wellness of community members and provides many opportunities throughout the year. A2 Rikud provides weekly Israeli Dancing on Thursday evenings. Fitness classes include Zumba, Kangoo, Booty Barre, Callanetics, and other options like yoga, martial arts, and sports. In addition, the J hosts classes and discussions on health and wellness topics like healthy cooking, safe driving, care giving, and collaborates with Jewish Family Services to host the popular "Issues for Aging" lecture series.

## CHAVERIM B'SHIRIM

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Chaverim B'Shirim is an all-volunteer choir, performing non-liturgical music by Jewish composers whose music spans from the 1600s of Salamone de Rossi to the music of today. The choir has performed the music of George Gershwin, Isaac Dunayevsky, Kurt Weill, Stephen Sondheim, Harold Rome, and others. Director Marilyn Krimm has a doctor of musical arts degree from the University of Michigan. She has had extensive experience with Jewish music and choral groups, here and in New York.

Singers of all ages and vocal levels are welcome. Rehearsals are Wednesday evenings, 7–8:30 p.m., at the Jewish Community Center of Greater Ann Arbor. The group performs at the JCC every December and May.

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The Interfaith Hospitality Network provides shelter, meals and assistance to homeless families in Washtenaw County. The program utilizes existing community resources. Each host congregation provides volunteers and meals for 3–6 families for one week, every two to three months, on a rotating schedule. Social service agencies provide screening and referrals.

## ISRAELI DANCING OF ANN ARBOR

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The Israeli Dancing of Ann Arbor group meets Thursday evenings, 7:30–10 p.m., at the Jewish Community Center of Greater Ann Arbor. Easier dances and oldies take place from 7:30–8:30 p.m., intermediate and requests until 10 p.m. Newcomers are always welcome to join in. Learn the latest Israeli dances and request your favorites. Families and students are welcome. ($5/students and kids are free.)

## JEWISH ALLIANCE FOR FOOD, LAND AND JUSTICE

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Jewish Alliance for Food, Land and Justice is an Ann Arbor-based, post-denominational volunteer organization seeking to raise awareness and facili-

tate action on issues relating to food and environmental justice. Through educational and experiential programs, the Alliance looks to bring young and old together to explore current sustainability concerns through an ancient and evolving Jewish lens. Events are open to the community at large--for more information contact Carole Caplan, caplan.carole@gmail.com, or join on Facebook at: https://www.facebook.com/JewishAllianceFLJ/

## J STREET ANN ARBOR

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J Street is the political home for pro-Israel, pro-peace Americans fighting for the future of Israel as the democratic homeland of the Jewish people. Members believe that Israel's Jewish and democratic character depend on a two-state solution, resulting in a Palestinian state living alongside Israel in peace and security.

Rooted in a commitment to Jewish and democratic values, J Street is redefining what it means to be pro-Israel in America. The group's goal is to change the U.S. political dynamics around Israel by mobilizing broad support for a two-state solution, believing it's in Israel's and America's interest. J Street Ann Arbor also believes it is expanding support for Israel by affirming — along with many Israelis — that being pro-Israel doesn't require supporting every policy of its government.

J Street Ann Arbor is the grassroots arm of national J Street. The group's mission is to amplify, promote, and organize around the J Street mission by building and expanding the base of J Street supporters, advocating to members of cdongress, working with rabbis, synagogues and communal institutions, and organizing events and programming at the community level.

## YIDDISH LITERATURE CIRCLE @ THE J

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The Yiddish Literature Circle meets every Friday afternoon at 1:30 p.m. at the J to explore Yiddish literature, poetry, and culture. Examples of authors typically


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## RAOUL WALLENBERG ENDOWMENT COMMITTEE

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Raoul Wallenberg proved to the world that one person can make a difference in the face of evil. A Swedish citizen who graduated with the highest honors from the University of Michigan in 1935, Wallenberg volunteered during World War II to serve as a U.S. envoy in Hungary. There, his incomparable personal courage and ingenuity saved 100,000 Jewish lives. Today Raoul Wallenberg is recognized as one of the great humanitarians of the twentieth century; he is also one of the University of Michigan's most distinguished alumni.

The Wallenberg Endowment funds an annual lecture and medal presentation to honor this international hero, whose character was partly shaped by his years in school here. Since 1990, this endowed program at the University of Michigan has awarded an annual Wallenberg Medal to an individual whose humanitarian actions exemplify those of Raoul Wallenberg. The medalist program has brought the twentieth century's most outstanding humanitarians to campus to tell their stories.

Wallenberg Medal recipients include, among others, Nobel laureate Elie Wiesel; His Holiness the Dalai Lama; Miep Gies, the woman who supported Anne Frank and her family in hiding; and Helen Suzman, a member of the South African parliament.

The Wallenberg Committee deeply believes that young people must be told the story of Raoul Wallenberg. When Wallenberg's sister, Nina Lagergren, came from Sweden in the fall of 2001 to accept the Wallenberg Medal on behalf of her brother, she emphasized in her lecture the importance of reaching out to young people. It is, after all, the best way to begin to change the world. The Wallenberg Committee believes that the example of Raoul Wallenberg can turn young people from helpless cynicism to resolute hopefulness and to awaken them to the belief that one person can make a difference.

## YIDISH TISH (YIDDISH CONVERSATIONAL GROUP)

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Spend a heymish hour and a half in der alter heym speaking and listening tomameloshn, Yiddish. This informal conversational group, which has been meeting at various venues on and near the University of Michigan central campus for the past dozen years, is free and open to all lovers of Yiddish language and culture, no matter what level of proficiency, regardless of age, and whether affiliated with the university or not. All manner of topics are discussed, with an emphasis on improving participants' Yiddish speaking skills, especially vocabulary. Everyone is welcome to join in at any time, or to just listen. Bring your own lunch, if you like, or purchase something from the café.

The group meets every Tuesday (except major Jewish holidays and January 1,July 4, the week of Ann Arbor Art Fair, and the last week of December) all year round at 1:30 p.m. at Beanster's Café, ground floor near the North University entrance in the Michigan League, The University of Michigan, 911 North University.

# men's organizations

## BROTHERHOOD, TEMPLE BETH EMETH

*website: www.templebethemeth.org/tbe/brotherhood*
*Will Parkus, president*

Temple Beth Emeth Brotherhood is an organization dedicated to nurturing men's involvement in Temple life. Its goal is to assist members to become better Jews and better men through increased participation in Temple and Brotherhood activities. Active involvement in the congregations brings members together spiritually and socially. Brotherhood is dedicated to programming that is meaningful and relevant to its members. An up-to- date calendar can be found on the group's webpage, as well as photos of past events.

## MEN'S CLUB, BETH ISRAEL CONGREGATION

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Members of the Beth Israel Congregation Men's Club meet about once a month and implement several important projects over the course of the congregation year. They organize the ushers over the High Holidays, construct the synagogue Sukkah each year and they host, in concert with men's clubs around the world, the Annual World Wide Wrap and Polar Bear Photo, which teaches and encourages the laying of tefillin by both men and women. In addition, they sponsor the annual Gershowitz Memorial Shabbat, which encourages men and women to learn to lead new parts of the service. They also organize the distribution of Yom HaShoah memorial candles to the congregation.

# women's organizations

## HADASSAH

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Hadassah is the largest women's organization and the largest Jewish membership organization in the United States. Hadassah of Ann Arbor, an organization of over 450 members, has a rich history of activism. It is an organization for women of all ages, providing social outlets and educational opportunities that raise awareness and empower women.

Local Hadassah activities include Game Night and several interest groups, including Mahjong, Book Club, and Bridge. The chapter hosts various fundraising efforts, such as a rummage re-sale and a donor campaign. Programs that are benefited by the fundraisers include the Hadassah Medical Organization in Jerusalem, the Hadassah College Jerusalem, Youth Aliyah/ Children at Risk, and the Jewish National Fund.

Hadassah annual dues are $36 and life membership is currently $212.

## JEWISH WOMEN'S CIRCLE

*Chabad House, 715 Hill Street 48104*
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*Esther Goldstein, coordinator*

The Jewish Women's Circle brings together Jewish women of all ages and backgrounds to learn, laugh, experience and rejuvenate the mind, body and soul. Each of their meetings features discussions, a do-it-yourself activity, a chance to socialize and meet new friends. The group meets 6-7 times a year. There are no membership fees for the group. The Jewish Women's Circle of Washtenaw County is open to all women in the community.

## MIKVAH ISRAEL

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Today, the Mikvah is mainly used as a vital part of the laws of family purity. As it has always been the role of a Jewish wife to set the spiritual tone of her home, it is the Jewish wife who ensures the spiritual dimension of the intimate marriage relationship.

The community mikvah (ritual bath), located at Chabad House, is available for use by the Jewish community. The Ann Arbor Mikvah Israel facility employs a state-of-the-art pool filtering, disinfecting and heating system and is the only such facility between Detroit and Chicago.

Mikvah Israel supports and maintains the mikvah. A nominal donation is asked of all users. Mikvah Israel also provides educational material for anyone interested in learning more about this mitzvah. Speakers are available for organizations.

## WOMEN'S LEAGUE, BETH ISRAEL CONGREGATION

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*Renee Bock, president*

Beth Israel Women's League members are dynamic women who embrace meaningful projects and Jewish learning. Many programs are done in collaboration with the Beth Israel Men's Club. Women's League actively supports Beth Israel in a variety of ways with a special emphasis on welcoming new members of Beth Israel and building community. The Women's League Gift Shop offers Judaica items for all occasions. Proceeds from sales help support Beth Israel, Beth Israel Religious School, Jewish Chaplains in the U.S. Armed Forces, the Jewish Theological Seminary, Beth Israel's Alternative Spring Break program for teens and the group's sister chapter in Israel.

## WOMEN OF TEMPLE BETH EMETH

*website: www.templebethemeth.org/sisterhood*
*Noreen DeYoung, president*

Women of TBE, a member of Women of Reform Judaism (WRJ), provides programs and services that reinforce education, companionship, social action and service to both the Temple and general community. Membership is open to the entire community. Women of TBE holds informal monthly lunches, afternoon and evening majh groups, biweekly Women's Torah Study, periodic lectures, workshops, trips and activities.

Women of TBE sponsors the congregational Break-the- Fast. Sweet Beginnings, an award-winning "welcome to religious school party" is held for new students on the first day of Hebrew school in the fall. Each bar and bat mitzvah service receives a Kiddush cup from Women of TBE, and college students receive gift packages at Chanukah and Purim.

First-time Jewish campers are eligible to receive scholarship support at a URJ camp. Women of TBE contributes to the TBE Youth Advisor's salary, to AARTY convention travel, and provides additional funds for special activities to the TBE religious school.

The entire local community is encouraged to shop at the Women of TBE-run Gift Shop which carries a wide variety to Judaica in a broad price range. To find out more about its hours, or to make an appointment, contact Amy Paberzs (734) 668-6842; amypab@hotmail.com).

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A number of community non-profits receive donations or support through Women of TBE. Through our WRJ affiliation, Women of TBE contributes to rabbinic and cantorial scholarships at the Hebrew Union College in the US and the Leo Baeck Institute and Abraham Geiger College in Europe; the Jewish Braille Institute; the World Union for Progressive Judaism (WUPJ); as well as several Reform nursery schools and Bat Mitzvah classes in Israel. Women of TBE board members benefit from WRJ leadership training and resource sharing at district and national meetings.

Women of TBE, as part of Women of Reform Judaism has, since its inception in 1913, been involved in Social Action. WRJ and Women of TBE support the Jewish Braille Institute, World Union for Progressive Judaism, especially its program that supports teens in the Former Soviet Union going to Jewish Camps and re-establishing their Jewish traditions; providing at Mitzvah classes and preparation for girls in Israel, and support for Women of the Wall; in the US – WRJ is advocating for gun control, women's reproductive rights, children caught in the "school to prison pipeline," immigration reform, protection of voting rights, and much more.

## ORT AMERICA, ANN ARBOR CHAPTER

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*Joan Levitt, president*

Members of the Ann Arbor Chapter of ORT America raise money each year to support World ORT with its goals of

providing students with marketable skills in state-of-the-art technology and other fields, enabling them to attain successful careers and become community leaders.

The Ann Arbor Chapter of ORT will hold its annual Fall Brunch on Sunday, September 25, 2016, at 10:30 a.m. Current and prospective members of Ann Arbor

ORT are welcome to attend. There will also be a Chanukah party in December and a Donor dinner in June, 2016, recognizing ORT's generous 2016 donors.

Members of the Ann Arbor ORT chapter may join the monthly Book Group, which discusses books of Jewish content. Greeting cards and tributes are available from the chapter. Annual donations of $36 or more are requested to maintain membership in ORT and to help World ORT fund its important programs. More information about Ann Arbor ORT is available at the website ortannarbor.org. ORT America has information at ortamerica.org.

Each year, over 300,000 students in more than 50 countries are trained and empowered by ORT's cutting-edge curriculum and strategic education initiatives. Closer to home, the Hermelin ORT Resource Center in West Bloomfield offers a wide range of classes and programs, including the very successful Better Jobs Opportunity Program, which provides job skills training to the unemployed and under-employed in southeastern Michigan.

# campus organizations

## EASTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY CENTER FOR JEWISH STUDIES

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Eastern Michigan University's Center for Jewish Studies offers courses concerned with the history of the Jewish people. It considers the cultural and intellectual gifts Jews have given the world as well as focusing on the Jewish faith, its richness, its intricacy, its demands, and its complex and fascinating relationships with other religions. Interdisciplinary in design, EMU Jewish Studies draws on faculty expertise from throughout the university. It engages students in a wide realm of co-curricular activities including lectures, study abroad, and internships. Among the innovative classes offered by EMU Jewish Studies are US travel classes like "Becoming Jewish in America," and "Jewish Identity and the American Theater"; study abroad opportunities include "World War II and the Holocaust" and "The Question of Convivencia: Jews, Muslims and Christians in Medieval Spain." The Center for Jewish Studies provides a home for the online resource, Nineteenth-Century Jewish Life, and the linguistics/oral history project, Jewish Voices of Southeast Michigan. It is a gathering place for EMU's numerous ethnic communities to learn more about Jews and Judaism, a space to build bridges, to open and engage in discourse, to create new understandings between Jews and the many other groups that comprise the diverse culture of Southeast Michigan.

The Lecture Series has enlightened the community with presentations from scholars, public intellectuals, and artists like Pamela Nadell, Jonathan Tropper, Jonathan Sarna, Rabbi Shmuly Yanklowitz, Michael Twitty, and David Broza.

Deeply committed to creating relationships between the university and the Southeast Michigan Jewish community, the Center welcomes members to experience "Becoming American: The Jewish Experience," a journey to New York, Philadelphia, and Washington D.C.

EMU's Center for Jewish Studies has partnered with the Holocaust Memorial Center Zekelman Family Campus of Farmington Hills, the Jewish Community Center of Greater Ann Arbor, the Jewish Federation of Greater Ann Arbor, Temple Israel in West Bloomfield, and the Ark. Collaborations have included the Schusterman Institute for Israel Studies at Brandeis, the Covenant Foundation, the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum, the Pedagogical University, Krakow, Poland, and the Arbeitsstelle Holocaust literature at Justus Liebig University in Gießen, Germany.

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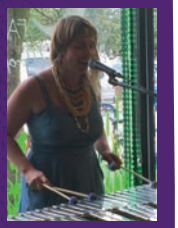

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The Hillel Campus Alliance of Michigan is an alliance of campus Hillel's throughout Michigan. Serving students across the state since August 2007, HCAM is building dynamic and vibrant Jewish communities for Jewish students at Alma College, Albion College, Central Michigan University, Eastern Michigan University, Grand Valley State University, Kalamazoo College, Michigan Technological University, Northern Michigan University, Saginaw Valley State University and Western Michigan University. Hillel staff meets with student leaders to determine their vision for Jewish life on their specific campus and works closely with those leaders to make their vision a reality. As an organization, HCAM supports students with the tools to create vibrant Jewish life including funding, day-to-day staff supervision and student leadership development. HCAM also provides students with travel opportunities, internship and volunteer programs and the chance to participate in a variety of student leadership conferences. For more information on HCAM, visit www.h-cam.net.

## HILLEL AT EASTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERISTY

Exploring what makes us all uniquely Jewish and universally human in a welcoming and pluralistic environment, Hillel at EMU is a group for all Jewish students, regardless of background or viewpoints. Our programs and events are student-driven and aim to connect our community with our campus. Whether enjoying a delicious Shabbat meal or traveling on

and Alternative Break or Birthright Israel trip, there are so many ways to become involved and make a difference in our tight-knit community. Hillel at EMU is open to students from both Eastern Michigan University and Washtenaw Community College.

## UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN HILLEL

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University of Michigan Hillel is unparalleled in terms of its size, diversity and quality of programming. U-M Hillel supports 60 independent student groups, spanning the full breadth of Jewish life. Each group provides opportunities for students to become involved as leaders, driving the programming and decision-making forward for their group and community. Students build leadership, engagement, and community-organizing skills through our Hillel that benefit them in their roles on campus, in finding employment, and in life long after they graduate.

Each group also provides the opportunity for students to access a community that meets their individual needs. With 60 student groups, students can find opportunities to explore their identities and interests in a safe, supportive, fun and nurturing environment. Programming covers social, political, religious, cultural and educational areas, all intended to help students access Jewish life and community on their own terms. U-M Hillel offers concerts, lectures, films, classes, community service, yoga, religious services, discussion groups, dialogue, free Shabbat dinners for students, and a full kosher meal program. U-M Hillel takes more students to Israel on Taglit-Birthright Israel than any other Hillel in the country.

You can come to Hillel to hang out, catch a movie, eat delicious meals, study, hold a group meeting or do yoga. But Hillel is not just confined to theirbuilding. You can experience Hillel in coffee shops, in residence halls, on the Diag, in your own

home, in Israel or in Detroit. Everyone is invited to drop in or contact Hillel to learn more about how to get connected or offer new ideas for programs.

### ISRAEL GROUPS AND PROGRAMS

**AMI**, the American Movement for Israel, sponsors educational, political and cultural events and programs to promote support and understanding of Israel and its people.

**iLead (**Israel Leadership), focuses on Israel, education, advocacy and engagement skill building among student leaders.

**WolvPac** provides students, regardless of their American or Israeli political leanings, the opportunity to create tangible ties between our campus and Israel. This is done through working with campus and community leaders, as well as meeting with congressional leaders. Leaders in this group often attend the AIPAC Policy Conference and other AIPAC leadership training and trips to Israel.

**JStreet Umich** promotes progressive social and political issues and peace initiatives. The group also co-sponsors dialogue and discussion with other student groups on campus.

**TAMID:** Israel Investment Group,pioneers the next generation of American commitment to Israel by connecting business-minded students with the Israeli economy.

U-M Hillel's **Taglit-Birthright** Israel trip provides an opportunity for an exhilarating free 10-day visit to Israel for students 18–26 during Winter break or in May.

**Masa Israel Internship** - Masa means journey in Hebrew and Masa interns connects students on campus to study abroad, post-college, and volunteer programs in Israel.

### JEWISH LEARNING

From weekly classes (Talmud, Radical Jewish Ideas, Waffles and Wisdom, and more) to informal discussions to dialogue groups

there is always Jewish learning going on at Hillel. How does Judaism fit into who you are becoming? How does your learning influence your beliefs? Hillel can help you with these big questions.

**Shulchan Ivrit** provides a weekly opportunity for students of all levels of proficiency to speak Hebrew together.

## SPIRITUAL LIFE

Hillel offers a variety of religious services on Friday nights and holidays:, creative, musical Reform services; an egalitarian Conservative minyan; and Shalvah, a spirited "partnership minyan" with Carlebach melodies. The Orthodox minyan which serves students, faculty, and community members also holds daily services.

## OTHER PROGRAMS AND ORGANIZATIONS

**Kol HaKavod** is U-M Hillel's a cappella singing group. The ensemble performs a varied repertoire of close harmonies in English, Hebrew, and Ladino, with music taken from Jewish liturgical and historical sources, Israeli folk songs, and translated popular tunes.

**Golden Apple Award,** conducts a campus-wide nomination process in order to select the year's recipient of the Golden Apple Award. The winning U-M teacher, in addition to receiving a Golden Apple trophy and a cash prize, delivers his or her ideal "last lecture." The Golden Apple Award is sponsored by Hillel and Apple Computer Inc. and is co-sponsored by more 20 U-M academic units and student groups.

**Consider Magazine** is a publication presenting different viewpoints on a variety of issues, both local and international. It is available in racks at Hillel and in most major university buildings.

**The Jewish Graduate student program** consists of several organizations that serve Jewish graduate students. These organizations are based both on professional schools and interests: JAGS (Jewish Association of Graduate Students), JLSA (Jewish Law Student Association), RJSA (Ross Jewish Students Association), OJSW (Organization of Jewish Social Workers), JeMSA (Jewish Medical Students Association). Graduate students and young professionals have a separate space for Shabbat dinner at Hillel every Friday night during the academic year.

**Ahava**, the Jewish Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, Transgendered and Queer student group, offers programming, discussion groups, speakers and social events that meet the needs of the diverse Jewish LGBTQ community on campus.

**The Conference on the Holocaust (COTH**) is a year-long series of events planned by students designed to present a cross-section of scholarly, personal, historical and theological perspectives on the Holocaust. COTH organizes an annual Survivors' Luncheon, which hosts over 40 survivors and 300 students.

**Jewish Greek Council** brings together Jewish students who are members of sororities and fraternities. The group sponsors social action projects and hosts Shabbat dinners and social events.

**Hillel Sports** fields a broad range of teams that compete in the U-M's intramural sports program. Hillel also sponsors the Hillel Ice Hockey Team and competes in the Kaufman Cup, a series of sporting events with MSU Hillel.

**Maize and Blue Games** is a student group designed to improve the lives of children in Detroit through hosting competitive sports tournaments for U-M students to participate in, and donating all raised funds to Youthville Detroit, a youth center dedicated to "developing youth and enhancing their well-being."

**Hillel's Dance Group** is a competitive dance troupe on campus that is Shabbat friendly and provides an opportunity for students to express themselves through dance.

**The Yiddish Club** was established to create a social Yiddish experience on campus. The group meets to speak in Yiddish, read the Froward Yiddish newspaper and explore the rich tradition of Yiddish culture.

**Hillel Players** is a student-driven theatre that engages with the Jewish experience. Hillel Players is committed to supporting individual talents, ensuring that each member is responsible for meaningful, vital work.

**Sarah's Kitchen**, also called "Hillel's Café," serves gourmet kosher lunches and dinners Sunday-Friday during the academic year. U-M students on board contract in a residence hall can use their "Blue Bucks" to pay for meals, and anyone can eat at Hillel on a walk-in basis. Friday night Shabbat dinners are available to U-M students atno charge.

**Challah for Hunger** raises awareness of and money for hunger and disaster relief through the baking and selling of challah.

**MuJew** brings Muslim and Jewish students together on campus in dialogue. There is also an alternative spring break trip to help build the MuJew community.

**The Jewish Penicillin Hotline** (iwantsoup@umich.edu) delivers kosher chicken soup with matzah balls to any U-M student who is feeling sick.

**The Jewish Women's Forum** explores women's roles in Judaism, offering study groups, speakers, Rosh Hodesh celebrations, and an annual women's seder.

**Alternative Spring Breaks** are an opportunity to do tzedek (justice) work around the world. Past service projects were in Detroit, Birmingham, New Orleans, Uruguay, Argentina, the Ukraine, and Nicaragua.

**Breaking Barriers** connects Jewish students with non-Jewish peers for intercultural dialogue. Given the opportunity to learn about other cultures and religions can help students learn more about themselves. as Jews.

**Ask Big Questions** convenes conversations about life's "Big Questions"—When do we conform? Are we free? What could we sacrifice to repair the world? Through these conversations students can better understanding themselves and others, and improve the world.

**Music Vs**. uses music, performance, and other arts to create relationships with people at area nursing homes, hospitals, and other venues. It is a national initiative that started at Yeshiva University, and is now active at more than 15 schools worldwide.

**Jewish Perspectives on Globalization** provides a forum for students to explore global issues through a Jewish lens. Students develop programming to raise awareness around social responsibility, environmental awareness and being a global citizen.

**The Jewish Detroit Initiative (JDI)** is a student group that engages U-M students with Detroit through social action, education, recreation, and dialogue with city residents.

**We Support Detroit Schools (WSDS)** seeks to connect public schools with the resources and services they need to provide enrichment programs for students and parents. WSDS participants develop skills in helping partner schools build strong, long lasting relationships and engaging in dialogue that promotes cooperation within diverse communities.

**Hayerukim (Hebrew for "The Greens")** provides a forum for students to engage in environmental activism from a Jewish perspective and the opportunity to help create a more sustainable Hillel, university and world.

**Makom** facilitates a series Jewish dialogues to bring together diverse Jewish students to explore various contentious issues that impact American Jews. Makom is a partnership venture with the Program on Intergroup Relations.

**Health and Wellness** is a group focused on healthy living, fitness and overall wellness. The group coordinates Hillel's yoga classes (twice weekly) and organizes and co-sponsors events that promote a healthy lifestyle.

**Shmooze** is a Jewish cultural organization whose goal is to spread Jewish culture throughout Hillel and the university community through cultural events like the Kugel Cook-off and M-Shvitz that meets weekly to shmooze in the men's sauna.

**Maize & Blue Games** is a community service group designed to help support Detroit inner city youth sports programs for underprivileged youth by raising money through Michigan students' participation in Intramural and other sports activities.

**Michigan Mensch** provides mentorship and guidance for incoming Wolverines. Freshmen are paired with upperclassmen Mensches and get together once a month to chat over coffee on Hillel.

**Hillel's ARTs group (HARTS)** creates community and programming for students with an interest in the arts. Students come together to learn new skills and techniques and share their artistic work building up to a student exhibit.

**Krav Maga** – students come to Hillel for a taste of Israeli culture by learning effective Israeli self-defense techniques from a professional Krav Maga instructor.

**JEngA** is Hillel's Jewish Engineering Students Association, planning social and cultural events for Jewish engineers.

**Hillel Outdoor Adventure** was started by students who express their Jewish identity by being in nature and the great outdoors. The group is inspired by Scouts and the Jewish value of bal tashchit, meaning "do not destroy," a guiding value for Jewish environmentalism and sustainable living. Outdoor Adventure enjoys camping, hiking, skiing, and snowboarding.

**MEDx (Medical Exposure)** - MEDx was formed out of the shared interests of students who participated in a summer ambulance volunteer program in Israel with Magen David Adom (Red Star of David, Israel's Red Cross). MEDx seeks to raise awareness about emergency preparedness on campus as well learning about the field of medicine and supporting the overall health of the community.

**JEWSIC** – Hillel's music program provides a forum for musical students to come together to jam and share music in monthly sessions. All levels are welcome. U-M Hillel also has a jazz and klezmer band that plays on campus and in the community.

**FYSH** – First Year Students of Hillel – and the residence student outreach committee organize social programming targeted at freshmen to help students meet and develop new friends in Hillel. These groups help foster community in residences on both North and Central Campuses.

Hillel is home to **Will Work for Food (WWFF)**, an independent student group that encourages students to partake in a community effort and get sponsored by their family and friends with a donation to WWFF. All money raised through these sponsored work efforts will go directly to alleviate child malnutrition in Darfur through Doctors Without Borders. For more information, visit www.willworkforfood.org.

**Engagement & Entrepreneurship Internship - jNET** (the Jewish Network) is an engagement and entrepreneurship internship for people who have a desire to create new and different ways to define or access Jewish life at Michigan. Interns participate in ongoing professional development and skill building in areas of social networking theory, community organizing and entrepreneurship.

U-M Hillel is also a partner to and/or supporter of **TEDxUofM, Dance Marathon, Go Blue Wear Pink, Art Out Loud, Prisoner Creative Arts Project, K-Grams, Relay for Life, crowd313, and MUSIC Matters** and encouraging student involvement in these volunteer and fundraising initiatives.

## U-M JEAN & SAMUEL FRANKEL CENTER FOR JUDAIC STUDIES

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Since 1970, Judaic Studies at the University of Michigan has thrived as an interdisciplinary endeavor drawing on the rich resources of outstanding faculty, educating undergraduate and graduate students, and engaging the community. The Frankel Center for Judaic Studies has become an international leader with faculty integrated in top-tier departments throughout the University of Michigan's Ann Arbor campus. The Center offers students opportunities for in-depth study of modern Jewish literatures and cultures, Hebrew and Yiddish languages, rabbinic law, politics, and Jewish history from the ancient to modern eras. Students benefit from the academic excellence of faculty, with strengths extending from the study of ancient Jewish law to the role of Yiddish in the modern world.

The inauguration of the Frankel Institute for Advanced Judaic Studies in 2007 has made the University of Michigan a premier site for Judaic Studies in the United States. Each year, the Institute brings a group of the world's leading scholars from a variety of disciplines to Ann Arbor. While at Michigan, these Institute fellows share their research with the local community through public presentations and lectures.

The Frankel Center also sponsors lectures, conferences, exhibits, and other events throughout the academic year, including two high-profile annual programs: the Louis and Helen Padnos Lecture in Judaic Studies and the David W. Belin Lecture in American Jewish Affairs. All events are free and open to the public.

## U-M JEWISH COMMUNAL LEADERSHIP PROGRAM

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A collaborative effort of the University of Michigan School of Social Work and the Frankel Center for Judaic Studies, the Jewish Communal Leadership Program (JCLP) offers a distinctive educational opportunity for emerging leaders committed to helping Jewish communities meet 21st century challenges while also addressing broader social concerns.

The program combines academic study in Judaic studies and social work, experiential training in non-profit management, and hands-on engagement with contemporary communal challenges, such as youth engagement, elderly services, Jewish education, differing viewpoints on Israel, and the future of American Jewish identity. Students pursue field placements with local agencies including the Jewish Federation of Greater Ann Arbor, Jewish Family Services of Washtenaw County, and the Jewish Community Center of Greater Ann Arbor. There are also opportunities available nationally and around the world.

Hailing from across the United States, JCLP students become active members of the Ann Arbor Jewish community. Every year, the program sponsors public events such as film screenings, lectures by nationally known Jewish leaders and thinkers and community gatherings. Every year, JCLP's graduating students convene the "JCLP Communal Conversation," inviting members of the University and local communities to join with thinkers, activists, and each other in considering issues of central import to Jewish community, at the intersection of communal inquiry and communal concern.

For more information on upcoming events, current students, alumni, admissions, and financial aid, refer to program website.

# education

## ADULT HEBREW CLASSES CO-SPONSORED BY BETH ISRAEL CONGREGATION AND TEMPLE BETH EMETH

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Beth Israel Congregation and Temple Beth Emeth offer adult Hebrew classes which are open to anyone in the community regardless of synagogue affiliation.

Three tracks of Hebrew are offered: courses for beginners, courses which focus on Conversational Hebrew and courses which focus on Biblical Hebrew. The 12 week fall session begins in September and a second 12 week session begins in January. Tuition for each semester is $180 for members of TBE or BIC, and $200 for non-members. Contact Beth Israel or Temple Beth Emeth for a schedule of class times, and to sign up for a class. Students who are unsure of their level can call Cindy Saper, director of education, in September for assistance in determining the appropriate class, for either site.

The adult classes are taught by two veteran Hebrew instructors, Malli Holoshitz and Pauli Weizman. Holoshitz is a native Israeli who has taught Hebrew for many years; she is noted for her lively and animated teaching style. She earned a Ph.D. in Education from the University of Michigan, and serves as the head of the Hebrew Department at the Frankel Jewish Academy of Metro Detroit. Holoshitz has taught at the School of Education at Eastern Michigan University, as well as at the University of Michigan, where she received an "Excellence in Education" award.

Weizman has been teaching Hebrew at the University of Michigan since 1987, and is the proud recipient of an "Excellence in Education" award by the Department of Near Eastern Studies. She is a native Israeli and has earned two master's degrees — one in Teaching English as a Second Language and the other in social work; she also has a bachelor's degree in Hebrew lnguistics.

## ANN ARBOR RECONSTRUCTIONIST CONGREGATION RELIGIOUS SCHOOL

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## BETH ISRAEL RELIGIOUS SCHOOL

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Hebrew Day School of Ann Arbor (HDS) is a K-5, Jewish, private elementary school. HDS provides a rich curriculum, a nurturing community, and an expert faculty. Through individualized instruction, advantageous teacher-to-student ratios, and attentive support systems in both Hebrew and general studies, the school is committed to instilling a love of learning. HDS offers a kindergarten with a young fives component, a multiage first and second grade class, a multiage third and fourth grade class, and a fifth grade class.

Starting in kindergarten, children are given the essential building blocks to secure their identities as members of a community, as Jews, and as life-long learners. We provide an environment for the healthy social and emotional development of our students while cementing a strong foundation for excellence in academic learning.

Established in 1974, HDS offers an academically challenging education with exceptional general studies and Hebrew and Judaic studies programs built into every academic day. The whole child is nourished and the mind is stimulated through a balance of learning opportunities including art, vocal and instrumental music, technology, library and physical education.

HDS families represent a wide variety of religious backgrounds and practice. Students learn to embrace and expect diversity. A rich Jewish and American heritage is experienced through plays, musical productions, and joyous holiday celebrations. HDS graduates are academically skilled, confident in their talents, grounded in their identities, and poised to contribute to the world.

## JEWISH CULTURAL SCHOOL

*See Congregations, Jewish Cultural Society*

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## KESHET ANN ARBOR

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Keshet is an academic program for high school student, offering the opportunity to take Hebrew classes to fulfill the Foreign Language requirement, and receive high school credit as if it was any other high school class at their school. At Keshet, students meet twice a week for a total of four hours and study Modern

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# FRANKEL EVENTS

## Fall 2016

**All lectures take place at 4 pm in Room 2022, 202 S. Thayer St., Ann Arbor, unless indicated otherwise**

### A Reading of Jewish Poems: Alhambra, Eremitaggio, the Krishna Temple
**Sept. 13**
Jacqueline Osherow, University of Utah

### Frankel Speaker Series: Louis D. Brandeis: American Prophet
**Nov. 7, 7 pm**
Jeffrey Rosen, The George Washington University Law School
*Rackham Amphitheatre*
*915 E. Washington St.*

### The "Return to the Bible" and the Performance of the Past in Israeli Culture
**Sept. 20**
Yael Zerubavel, Rutgers University

Tony Alken-Mills

### Religious Doubt and the Internet among Ultra-Orthodox Jews in New York
**Nov. 8**
Ayala Fader, Fordham University

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### The Frankfurt School on Israel
**Sept. 27**
Jack Jacobs, Louis and Helen Padnos Visiting Professor in Judaic Studies, City University of New York

### Disability and the Destruction of Jerusalem: Gender, Sex, and Flesh in Rabbinic Narrative
**Nov. 15**
Julia Watts Belser, Georgetown University

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### Wieseneck Family Israel Symposium: Arabs, Jews and "Arab-Jews": Israel's Entangled Identities
**Oct. 20, 2-6 pm**
*Rackham Assembly Hall*
*915 E. Washington St.*

Julia Alekseyeva, *Soviet Daughter: A Graphic Revolution*

### How the Soviet Jew Was Made
**Nov. 29**
Sasha Senderovich, University of Colorado Boulder

Courtesy of the British Library

### Professorship in Rabbinic Literature Inaugural Lecture: The Reproduction of Species: Humans, Animals, and Hybrids in Ancient Rabbinic Thought
**Nov. 3, 4:10 pm**
Rachel Neis, University of Michigan
*Rackham Amphitheater,*
*915 E. Washington St.*

Israeli-American Council

### Frankel Institute Panel: Israel and Diaspora Relations: Past, Present, Future
**Dec. 6**
Derek Penslar, Harvard University & University of Toronto
Gavin Schaffer, University of Birmingham
Dov Waxman, Northeastern University

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Hebrew with professional language instructors, some of which are also U-M lecturers. Classes are small, allowing teachers to focus on their students' progress and lessons are dynamic and communicative.

As with other academic high school courses, students are expected to complete homework, take exams, and prepare class presentations. Attendance and participation are key. Class material is level appropriate and naturally contains cultural components such as Israeli movies, songs, newspapers and more, to make the language learning experience wholesome and well rounded. Keshet offers four levels of Hebrew, from beginners to advanced, and students come from all walks of the Ann Arbor community.

Not all Keshet students take it for credit; some are there for their love of the language and their sincere interest in learning how to communicate in Hebrew. These driven teens are an integral part of classes; they attend regularly, take the exams and participate in other Keshet activities. Keshet is proud to have such motivated students and to be a part of their busy schedules.

Keshet is recognized by the Ann Arbor Public School Community Resource (CR) department, a unique system that lets high school students take a class not offered in their school, and get credit for it. Keshet fulfills CR requirements and maintains close contact with the CR monitor throughout the year.

All classes meet on Monday nights (6:30–8:30 pm), while the other meeting day is determined in September by each teacher and their students. Monday night is pizza night, and students are invited to come earlier (6 p.m.) and enjoy social time with their peers. Keshet follows the Ann Arbor Public Schools calendar and the Jewish calendar, and commemorates major Israeli events such as Yitzhak Rabin's Memorial Day, Israel's Independence Day, and more.

Classrooms for Keshet are provided by both Beth Israel Congregation and Temple Beth Emeth; Keshet thankfully acknowledges the educational cooperation and support of these two synagogues and their educational directors. Keshet is funded by a grant from the Jewish Federation, and supported by donations from parents, as well as by gifts from generous members in the community who care about quality Hebrew instruction. Co-sponsors include Beth Israel Religious School and Temple Beth Emeth Religious School.

## TEMPLE BETH EMETH RELIGIOUS SCHOOL

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## T.E.A.C.H. (TORAH EDUCATION AT CHABAD HOUSE)

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Classes offered at Chabad House cover the spectrum from basic Hebrew reading and Talmud study groups to Chassidic and Jewish mysticism. All classes are open to all Jews, regardless of their affiliation or background. An extensive library is available with classic and modern references to complement what is taught. The current class list includes: basic Hebrew reading (individual or small group instruction), prayers and their meanings, the Jewish way of prayer and the organization of the siddur (prayer book), Talmud, Chumash (the Five Books of Moses), Rashi (the 12th-century Torah commentator), Chassidic Jewish mysticism and its application to daily Jewish life in the 20th century, The Ethics of Our Fathers, The Shulchan Aruch, and Halachah (code of Jewish law).

Chabad House offers pre-bar/bat mitzvah classes for children ages 10–13. Students preparing for bar or bat mitzvah receive instruction from Rabbi Zalman or Shternie Zweibel. Private tutorial classes are offered to adults to learn specific areas of Torah.

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Chabad House provides access to these two milestones in computerized Judaic reference and text tools on CD-ROM. The Library answers questions about the Tanach (Five Books of Moses, Prophets and Scriptures), the Babylonian Talmud and Rashis commentaries on the Talmud and the Torah. The Global Jewish Database Project includes texts such as the Jerusalem Bible, Maimonides, the Code of Jewish Law and 253 books of Responsa (rabbinic commentaries and answers to inquiries).

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The program for youth 5–14 years old, explores Jewish values, customs and texts. The children learn Hebrew reading and writing, the core prayers of Jewish tradition, and study Jewish holidays and history. Advanced students also study the Torah commentary of Rashi, one of Judaism's greatest teachers.

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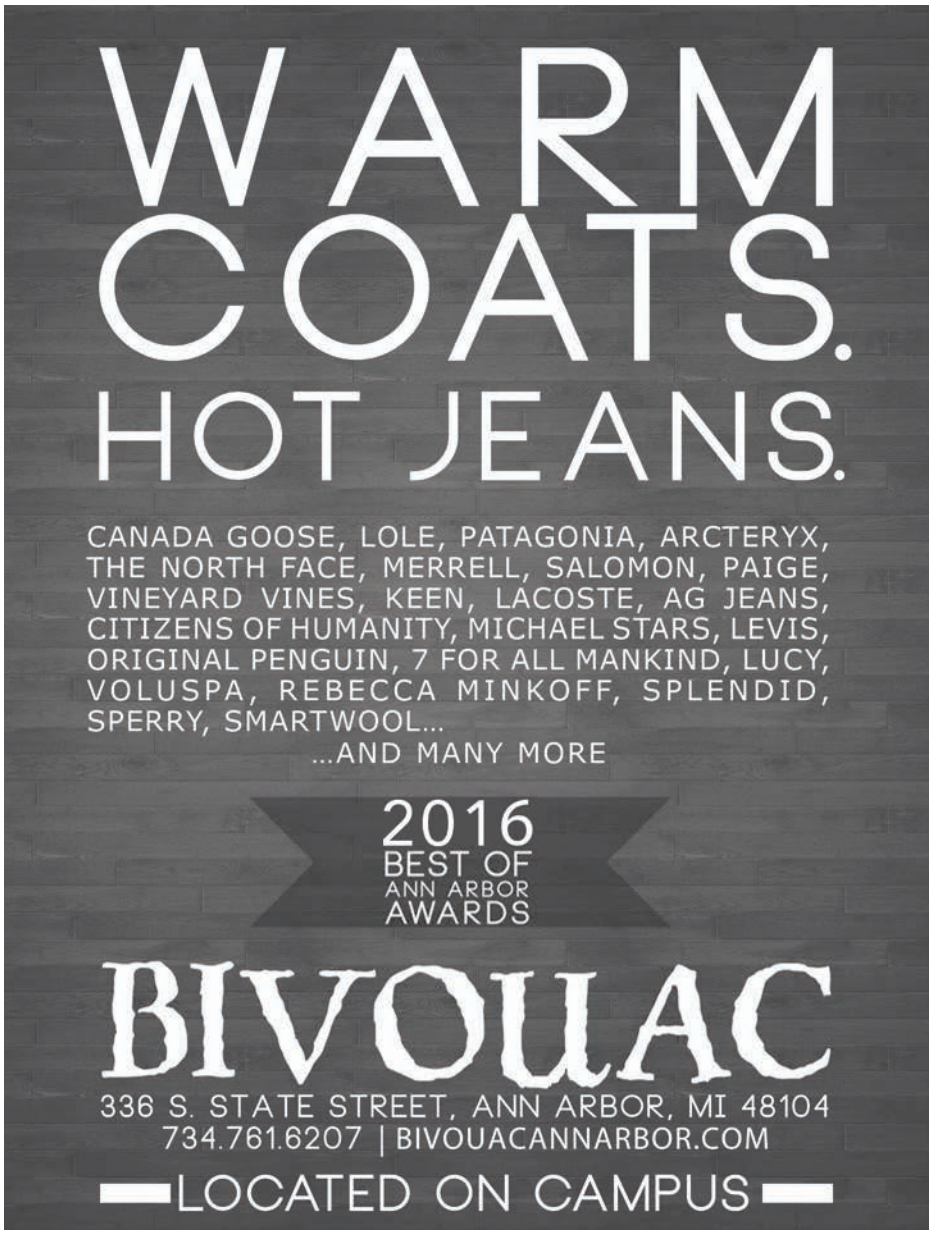


what's behind the language and the joy of Judaism. Three levels are offered: beginner, intermediate and advanced. Classes meet on Sundays and Wednesdays.

## JEWISH EDUCATORS COUNCIL OF ANN ARBOR

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The Jewish Educators Council provides Ann Arbor Jewish Educational Leaders with opportunities to discuss issues of mutual concern, develop additional professional skills and knowledge in areas of Jewish education and collaborate on programming options for teachers and students. The council consists of the directors of Beth Israel Congregation Religious School, Ann Arbor Chabad, the Hebrew Day School, the JCC Early Childhood Center, the Jewish Cultural School, the Reconstructionist Havurah, Keshet Ann Arbor and Temple Beth Emeth Religious School.

The Council sponsors opportunities for teacher training on the local level during the school year. It brings in one nationally known scholar-in-residence who leads a teacher workshop and spends time in each school working with students and one conference featuring local educational experts. The Jewish Educators Council is funded by the Jewish Federation of Greater Ann Arbor and participating organizations.

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# youth activities

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Camp Gan Israel is a summer camp dedicated to enriching the lives of children from diverse Jewish backgrounds and affiliations through a stimulating day camp experience. C.G.I. of Ann Arbor is part of the largest and fastest growing network of day camps, enjoying a reputation as a pioneer in Jewish camping, with innovative ideas and creative activities, to both provide enjoyment and inspire children to try new and exciting things.

Camp Gan Israel was created to provide children with a fun and meaningful summer program, while fostering growth individually and socially in a Jewish atmosphere. The daily schedule includes an exciting mix of sports, field trips, special programs and activities designed to be educational, fun and conducive to building character and nurturing friendships.

Camp Gan Israel is for children ages 4–13 with four divisions:

1. Mini Gan Izzy for ages 4–5 years
2. Junior Division for kids entering 1st–2nd grade
3. Sabra for kids entering 3rd–4th grade
4. Pioneer for kids entering 5th–8th grade

The program includes field trips to many places in Southeast Michigan; three-times-a-week swimming; and three-times-a-week "icamp," an innovative program where the campers can choose their activities, such as: dance, woodworking, art, tennis, a science program, gymnastics, music, jewelry making, cooking, origami, martial arts, yoga, chess, nature, and other sports. Every Friday there is a Shabbat celebration which includes a Shabbat party and challah baking.

Camp Gan Israel's Judaic programming is designed to instill campers with a love for Judaism and pride in their Jewish identity. The camp Judaic experience is comprised of engaging activities, hands-on projects, stories, songs and crafts. Camp is filled with programming that teaches children positive values and character traits, taught in a fun, exciting way.

There is a camp theme each year on which all activities center, and it is emphasized that every child, irrespective of their level of Jewish observance, becomes a part of the Gan Israel family.

Camp Gan Israel is fully licensed by the State of Michigan. It is located at Clonlara School, 1289 Jewett Road. Camp Gan Israel runs for seven weeks during the summer.

## GAN YELADIM ENRICHMENT

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Gan Yeladim, for children ages 2–5 years, meets on Tuesday and Thursday afternoon from 1–4 p.m. At Gan Yeladim each child is encouraged to make choices with respect towards him/herself, others and his/her surroundings.

Group leaders seek to nourish each child's heart and mind as their cognitive, social, emotional, and physical skills are developed, so that each child will be a well-rounded person capable of solving problems and adapting to new situations. Children are educated in a creative, supportive, and warm Jewish environment, so that each child will learn about life as a Jew.

Gan Yeladim Playgroup seeks to create a stimulating and enriching educational environment for each and every child. Group leaders are devoted to helping children learn socialization skills, building their self-confidence and teaching them the about Jewish values and rituals through songs, stories and arts and crafts. In addition, they seek to ignite a spark in each child to lay claim to his Jewish heritage and commit him or her to a lifetime passion for Jewish learning.

## HABONIM DROR CAMP TAVOR

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Habonim Dror Camp Tavor, located in southwest Michigan on 69 acres of rolling hills, has created life-changing summers for Jewish children and teens from around the country for 60 years! Camp Tavor takes pride in providing a non-denominational Jewish overnight camp experience focused on leadership, social action, stewarding the environ-

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ment, and connecting to Israel. We offer programs for boys and girls entering grades 4–12. Session lengths range from one to seven weeks.

Camp Tavor is excited to celebrate its 60th Anniversary this year. Contact Camp Tavor to stay updated on the reunion being held in June 2016.

The local Habonim Dror youth group, Ken Pardes, offers Jewish cultural activities, homework help, and social programming for all Jewish kids ages 8–18. Events are held near the University of Michigan campus. All Habonim Dror programming is designed to help develop Jewish identity while creating a meaningful youth community

## JCC YOUTH PROGRAMMING, MACCABI YOUTH GAMES, CAMP RAANANA

*See Community Organizations, Jewish Community Center*

## YOUNG JUDAEA

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Young Judaea is the peer-led, Zionist youth movement of Hadassah that aims to provide a positive Jewish experience through hands-on learning and fun. There are three divisions: Ofarim (grades 3–5), Tsofim (grades 6–7) and Bogrim (grades 8–12). In Ann Arbor, meetings are held at the JCC or in members' homes. Regional conventions for all levels are held during the school year. Summer programs include: Camp Young Judaea in Waupaca, Wisconsin, for grades 3–9; Camp Tel Yehudah in Barryville, New York, for grades 9–12; and summer programs in Israel for

high schoolers. There are also programs in Israel for high school graduates, college juniors and young adults..

# detroit agencies

## FEDERATION ALLIANCE FOR JEWISH EDUCATION

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The Jewish community's central educational resource, the Alliance for Jewish Education, provides an array of services that enhance Jewish knowledge, identity and pride. The Alliance provides a support system for all.

## JEWISH COMMUNITY RELATIONS COUNCIL OF METROPOLITAN DETROIT

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The Jewish Community Centers of Metropolitan Detroit strive to enrich lives by conveying the importance of personal identity, social values and well-being within the Jewish and general community. This is accomplished through the offering of educational, cultural and recreational programs which strengthen the body and mind.

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The Holocaust Memorial Center documents the history of the Holocaust and highlights the rich culture of a people that wasdestroyed. The museum is comprised of three parts: the Museum of European Jewish History, Holocaust, and the International Institute of the Righteous. The Center's research wing includes the Holocaust Memorial Center Library and the John J. Mames Oral History Collection.

## JEWISH FAMILY SERVICE

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## JEWISH FEDERATION OF METROPOLITAN DETROIT

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The Federation, the central communal organization of the metropolitan Detroit Jewish community, plays a leadership role in identifying the needs of that community in partnership with its agencies. It mobilizes human and financial resources, engages in communal planning and allocation and advocates meeting the needs of families and individuals. The Federation seeks to further the relationship between the Jewish community and the community at large in the Metropolitan Detroit area.

## JEWISH VOCATIONAL SERVICE

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The Jewish Vocational Service (JVS) provides a comprehensive and integrated vocational service program, including job placement, career and educational counseling, rehabilitation services and assistance in securing funding for education. Additionally, JVS provides specialized services for senior adults, including adult day care, and outreach for those isolated from the community.

# Keeping Kosher in Ann Arbor

*by Marcie Greenfield*

Keeping Kosher in Washtenaw County gets easier and easier . Kroger in Arborland and Trader Joe's are your best bets for a wide variety of kosher products, chicken and kosher meat. Whole Foods, Lucky's, People's Food Co-op, Arbor Farms, Busch's, Plum Market and Costco add to the abundance of vegetarian and kosher foods available locally. You can also find kosher wines at many of these stores, as well as Stadium Market, Morgan and York and A&L Wine Castle.

The Kroger at Arborland has the largest selection of Kosher products, with dedicated kosher sections in the grocery, frozen and refrigerated aisles. They offer fresh and frozen kosher beef, chicken and turkey, and a small selection of kosher cold cuts. They also have the most choices at Passover. Ask at the service desk if you don't see what you want because they may be able to order it.

Trader Joe's has a printed list of kosher products sold there (including a list with details about the kosher symbols on their packages). You can get the list at the store or on their website (traderjoes.com). They usually stock most kosher fresh chicken options, turkey breast and ground turkey, ribeye steak, brisket and ground beef.

Costco's selection of Kosher products is always changing, and there are many Kosher certified products sold there. The Ann Arbor Costco does not usually carry fresh kosher products. The Costco in Commerce or Bloomfield Hills might have more choices. Check with the stores.

Most restaurants in Washtenaw County offer vegetarian and vegan options. Seva has been a strictly vegetarian restaurant since 1973. Downtown Ann Arbor is Earthern Jar, a vegetarian and vegan Indian food buffet that is certified Kosher by Kosher Michigan. Hut-k Chaat has a food cart at Mark's Carts (211 W. Washington), and an additional eat-in location on Packard near Platt, and is all vegetarian. A former food cart, The Lunch Room, is now a vegan restaurant in Kerrytown.

The University of Michigan Hillel, located at 1429 Hill Street, offers freshly-cooked kosher meals available to students and the community, under the supervision of Rabbi Rod Glogower of the Ann Arbor Orthodox Minyan. The daily-changing, seasonal menu is served at lunch and dinner, Monday through Friday, and updated daily at www.michiganhillel.org. Call (734) 769-0500 with questions or to place carry-out orders.

The Ann Arbor Chabad House provides classes and assistance to community members who are interested in kashering their kitchen and keeping kosher. Call (734) 995-3276 for details. Delivery from several kosher restaurants, carryout places and bakeries located in Detroit area can be arranged through the Chabad House for a fee.

About 45 minutes away in West Bloomfield is a full-service kosher butcher, Harvard Row Kosher Meat, which also carries delicious homemade foods prepared on site. The area's largest all-Kosher grocery store, One Stop Kosher in


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Southfield, stocks fresh produce, fresh and frozen meat, fresh-sliced deli meats, cooked foods and a large selection of wine. Bake Station bakery has a location in Southfield and Farmington Hills, and Zemans New York Bakery is in Oak Park. Kosher Restaurants in the Oak Park/Southfield area include Dave's Gourmet, Kravings, Sara's Deli and Jerusalem Pizza. Chef Cari caterer.

Consult your local rabbi for updates or further information.

Some useful sites include cordetroit.com, (Rabbinical Council of Detroit) and koshermichigan.com.

**The following Ann Arbor stores offer kosher foods:**

• Arbor Farms, 2103 West Stadium Blvd., (734) 996-8111

• Costco, 771 Airport Blvd., (734) 213-8010

• Kroger, 3615 Washtenaw Ave. (there are other locations, but his one has the most Kosher products), (734) 677-2370

• Lucky's, 1919 S. Industrial Hwy, (734) 368-9137

• People's Food Coop, 216 North 4th Ave. (734) 994-9174

• Plum Market, 375 North Maple Rd. (734) 827-5000

• Trader Joe's, 2398 East Stadium Blvd., (734) 975-2455

• Whole Foods Market, 3135 Washtenaw Ave., (734) 975-4500 and 990 W. Eisenhower Pkwy, (734) 997-7500

**The following stores are located in cities about 45 minutes away:**

• Bake Station, 30760 Southfield Road, Southfield, (248) 723-9000 and 29581 Orchard Lake Road, Farmington Hills, (248) 626-9000

• Harvard Row Kosher Meat, 6221 Orchard Lake Road, West Bloomfield, (248) 539-8806

• One Stop Kosher Food Market, 25155 Greenfield Road, Southfield, (248) 569-5000

• Zeman's New York Bakery, 25258 Greenfield, Oak Park, (248) 967-39052

**Kosher eateries in Metro Detroit include:**

• Jerusalem Pizza (dairy), 6600 West Maple, West Bloomfield, (248) 592-1200 and 26025 Greenfield Road, Southfield, (248) 552-0088

• Kravings (meat), 25270 Greenfield Road, Oak Park, (248) 967-1161

• Prime 10, 15600 W 10 Mile Rd #17, Southfield, prime10detroit.com, (248) 327-7344

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# The cover

The front cover is a photo of a booth, Sukkot, the Feast of Tabernacles, on display at the Musée d'Art et d'Histoire du Judaïsme in Paris, France. The label there states: "A precarious construction with a roof of branches, this Sukkah, or hut, is utilized throughout the entire holiday of Sukkot. Its decor is traditional as well as showing a perfect incorporation of the local handicraft. The inner walls of the Sukkah are respectively decorated with a picturesque view of an Austrian village, of a coat of arms inscribed with the first words of the Decalogue, and with floral decorations recalling the agricultural significance of the holiday. The main panel bears an image of Jerusalem, of a genre common in the second half of the nineteenth century, depicting its walls, its hilltops, the Dome of the Rock, the Mosque of El Aqsa and, in the center, the Weeping Wall."

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